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Army Funds Available For Use Of Guard

Additional funds for training of the Texas State Guard have been made available by the Army Service Forces. The Guardsman has been informed.

The funds, according to Army Service Forces Circular No. 368, are made available under Public Law 356, passed by the 78th Congress, approved by President Roosevelt on June 26, 1944, amending section 61 of the National Defense Act.

Under this act it is understood that around \$43,000 has been allotted to the Eighth Service Command for State Guard units under its jurisdiction.

On a pro rata basis this would indicate that the Texas State Guard would be allocated around \$30,000.

Army Service Forces Circular 368 makes definite provisions as to how the funds can and cannot be expended.

According to the circular, these funds may be used for:

Special field exercises and maneuvers in accordance with army regulations.

Costs of State Guard schools under the following categories—instructional costs, other training supplies and equipment such as visual training aids, identification models, charts, etc. Such funds are not available for general repairs and utilities, clerical help, training literature, stationery or office supplies.

Transportation Facilities

Operation of transportation facilities. These funds are applicable to hire of buses or trucks for use in the training of State Guard units after the members thereof have arrived at the place where performance of training begins (for example—an armory or other places of assemblage). Government transportation must be used in lieu of hired facilities wherever possible.

Transportation is not to be furnished members of the State Guard from their homes to places of assemblage, or return.

Engineer service: War department owned or controlled facilities will be used for such periods as are necessary in accomplishing the training program for State Guard units. Maintenance, repair and utilities services will be provided at war department owned or controlled facilities, except alterations, deletions, additions and rehabilitations costing \$1000 and under will only be made upon approval of the commanding general in the service command. Requests for acquisition of real estate or construction of new facilities will be processed in accordance with existing regulations.

Allotments

Applicable open allotments are to be charged with pay, travel or allowances of military personnel engaged in training State Guards.

The circular stipulates that the authorization does not cover expenses for:

Transportation or other expenses of foreign personnel or civilian instructors.

Procurement of ammunition and other equipment and supplies authorized for issue.

Maintenance and repair of National Guard installations.

Maintenance and repair of State Guard clothing and equipment.

The circular emphasizes that "nothing herein has reference to issue to states of arms, ammunition, clothing and equipment authorized" in previous orders.

Army Scout Cars Allocated To Guard



Staff Photo by Sgt. Carroll Waddell.

Shown above are a few of the army scout cars recently allocated

to the Texas State Guard. The cars above were assigned to the Houston battalions and were drawn up in convoy by Lt. Col.

Vincent Chiodo, commanding the 7th Battalion, Houston, who is president of the Houston State Guard Policy Board.

New Year Message From Your President

In a world torn by war, the words, "Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men" reach out with more significance than ever. It is in reality the goal for which the soldiers of the Allied Nations are fighting and dying for.

In our comfortable homes and jobs here at home, we must realize that this has only been made possible by our own boys, sons, neighbors, husbands and friends, who this year are far removed from their homes, battling the fierce elements of winter as well as a savage foe, thus making a Peaceful Yuletide season possible at home for us.

Just a year ago, every officer and man in the State Guard was issued a brand New Year—expendable property—for 1944. Looking over this closed property record, we find highlights and shadows, gains and losses, mistakes and accomplishments, but all in all the Guard as a whole as well as individuals have progressed.

The losses which we sustained in personnel going into the regular armed services, we could ill afford, but it is gratifying to learn of the progress and achievements of these former Guard members who have expressed their appreciation of experience gained in the Guard and for its practical value to them in the regular service.

Various battalions throughout the State established new records for ingenuity in holding the interest of men, field maneuvers, recruiting drives, and rendering various important civic services.

The majority of the battalions received commendatory Federal inspection reports, which has resulted in closer cooperation with the regular army and recognition by the Federal government of the value of the State Guard.

The 1944 Expendable Property Record shows steady progress, our combined efforts have overcome obstacles and earned recognition, during 1944 our rifles were reissued, displacing the shotguns, winter and summer uniforms have been issued as well as other clothing, heavy weapons companies have been authorized, equipped with 30-caliber machine guns; motorcycles, motor trucks and armored scout cars have been issued to battalions, training schools were again conducted at Bullis, and many training aids have been furnished to battalions.

The cooperation and spirit of the men of the Guard has made the expenditure of 1944 profitable to the entire State of Texas as well as the Nation. With such a record behind us and profiting by our mistakes as

well as our accomplishments, we may all expect 1945 to reflect better progress by an even better and greater State Guard. While there is yet much to be desired, these things can all be accomplished by our spirit of service and cooperation during the coming year.

We can also expect 1945 to bring us as a Nation one step closer to our common objective—Victory. To date the Guard's contribution as well as thousands of regular troops has been a passive one, but the importance of our jobs and theirs is in no way lessened thereby.

We've all been issued a brand New Year—let's expend it like precious ammunition.

E. D. Konken,
Lt. Col. Tex.

President, State Guard Officers' Association.

Thomas Leaves; Harrison Is Named New Head Of G-3

Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, plans and training officer on the staff of Adjutant General Arthur B. Knickerbocker, has resigned from the Texas State Guard. His resignation was effective December 12.

Colonel Thomas will engage in engineering work with a private concern.

Lt. Col. Henry H. Harrison, special instructor in G-3, who has been acting as plans and training officer while Colonel Thomas aided the American Legion's drive for compulsory military service, has been named plans and training officer.

Appreciation—And A Pledge

This is the time of the year when you look back before you look forward.

Looking back over 1944 is a pleasant sensation.

The Texas State Guard has written an enviable page in the military history of Texas.

Dedicated to the preservation of the internal security of the state, the Guard can look back upon a year in which that security never was threatened.

The Guard can well take credit for that record. As Adjutant General Arthur B. Knickerbocker has said, the very fact that the Guard stood trained and ready at all times to repel such threats has acted as a preventative force to forestall trouble.

The Guardsman is proud that it had a part in making that record. It is proud that it has been the means of helping to knit the battalions closer together through circulation of news of their activities, facilitating their training through instructive articles and building State Guard morale through telling Texas as a whole what the Texas State Guard is doing.

That we are able to take that pride is due to the fact that from the Panhandle to the Gulf, from Texarkana to El Paso, the 51 Battalions of the Guard have given us the kind of cooperation that only Texas States Guardsmen can give.

That cooperation, plus the interest in and the help that business interests over the state have shown in the Texas State Guard, made 1944 the most successful year in State Guard history.

It is a solid foundation upon which to build even greater success in 1945.

The Guardsman and its staff take this opportunity to give thanks for your cooperation in interest in 1944 and in the same breath pledges its every effort toward serving more ably in the ranks during 1945.

The Guardsman Staff.

Revised Plan Outlined By Col. Harrison

By

CAPT. STEWART HARKRIDER

Training of the individual guardsman along practical and common-sense lines will be carried out during the first quarter, according to the training memorandum issued by Lt. Col. Henry H. Harrison, recently assigned to G-3 in the adjutant general's office.

The new training officer succeeds Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, who resigned to practice his profession of civil engineering.

Emphasis in training will be placed on making the guardsman proficient in the use of the rifle, the sub-machine gun, military courtesy, riot control formations, and how to act in case of domestic disturbances. The guardsman will get plenty of instruction in the proper care and cleaning of arms.

Judo Training

Something new will be added to the training program with the addition of instruction in the art of Judo. This part of the training will be under the direction of Maj. John Kokernot, who has the practical view that any man in the Texas State Guard should be able to defend himself to disarm an individual who has a gun, knife, or club.

Maj. Kokernot also will encourage and promote small bore rifle matches between teams of the various battalions as a means of stimulating interest in the use of the rifle and the ability to fire it properly.

"The Training Directive from the Adjutant General's Office, 1945, is aimed towards a single standard of individual proficiency within the unit and will be given with a view to the earliest preparation consistent with thoroughness for the accomplishment of missions prescribed by competent authorities," stated Colonel Harrison.

"The training will be directed along such lines as are reflected in the inspections by Federal authorities. Training in the efficient use and care of the equipment on hand will be directed for the most immediate likely assignments.

Advance Assignments

"It is thought that training carried out by the company is the single factor most responsible for percentage and attendance. Instructors should be given their assignments far enough in advance that their preparation may be made and checked prior to their giving the instruction.

"It will be borne in mind that the recruit can obtain no more benefit than the instructor puts into it. Frequent breaks should be made in instruction. It should be speeded up for brief intervals followed by (See TRAINING, Page 19)

174,000 Texans In U.S. Navy Branches

More than 174,000 Texans are serving in the navy, coast guard and marines, the navy's bureau of personnel announced from new figures just compiled.

Texas has furnished 144,000 men and women to the navy, including 13,000 officers, 22,000 to the marines, and 7000 to the coast guard, it was announced.

This Secret Weapon Will End The War

The Germans have at last come up with a secret weapon that certainly will end the war.

It is a long pole with a piece of white cloth attached.

5th Bn. Private Hits 'Jack Pot' On Recruiting

Austin's Fifth Battalion hit the "jackpot" for new members the first week in December when one week's drive put on by a buck private in the Guard accounted for at least 60 recruits.

The private, who had the idea, initiative, and energy to stage a one-man campaign for new guardsmen is Pvt. Louis Baethe, manager of the Texas Students Publications, University of Texas, publishers of the Daily Texan and annual, the Cactus.

Pvt. Baethe hasn't always been a private in the Fifth Battalion. After about a year's service in the regular army, during which time he served at the reception center in San Antonio, Baethe returned to Austin and was elected to the position of manager of the students' publications. He formerly had been a member of the staff.

Rose Quickly

Enlisting in the Guard, Private Baethe soon rose to the rank of sergeant major, and did a fine job of working up the records of the battalion.

Because of the heavy duties as manager of publications, Baethe could not continue to discharge his duties as sergeant major, and asked to be transferred to headquarters detachment, and be reduced in rank. He had what many members of the Texas State Guard lack—a genuine interest in the work of the Guard, and not a major interest in rank.

Campaigns for recruits had been staged in Austin from time to time with only moderate success. About as many men were discharged from the Guard as were signed up.

Texas U. Reserve

Then Private Baethe sprung the idea of tapping the reserve of manpower at the University of Texas.

It was pointed out that many of the students, and serious minded students at that, had been rejected for one reason or another by the army. Also, many returning veterans had again enrolled in the University to continue their education. This class of students were excellent Guard material.

Sergeant Baethe began his campaign with a full page advertisement in two colors in The Daily Texan to make the campus Guard conscious. The Texan Union lobby was selected to display the various uniforms and pieces of equipment of the Fifth Battalion, and the students were invited and urged to handle the equipment. During a period of four nights, this display was in the Union building, where hundreds of students gathered.

Members of the Fifth Battalion pitched in and helped at the display; still it was a one-man show, and the big part of the credit for the success of the drive goes to the buck private who had an idea and the initiative to put it over.

A soldier who had been staying at a fashionable hotel while on furlough was paying his bill. Then he looked up at the girl cashier and asked what it was she had around her neck.

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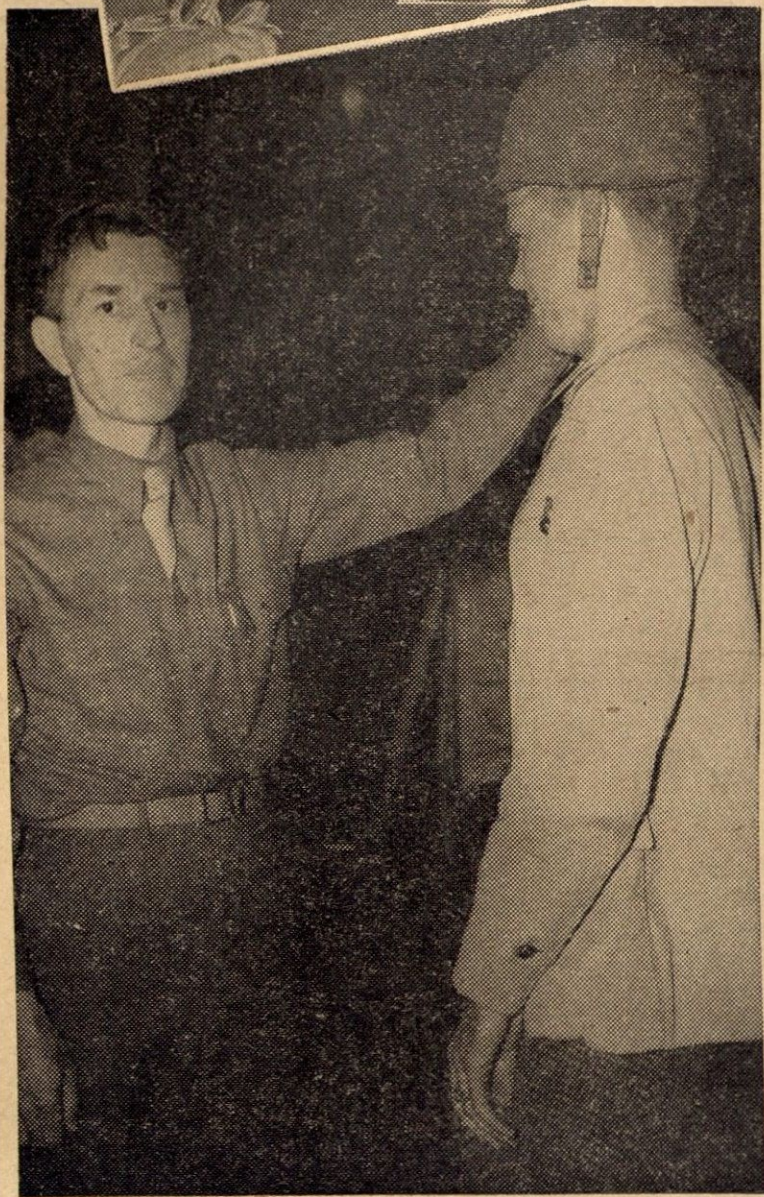
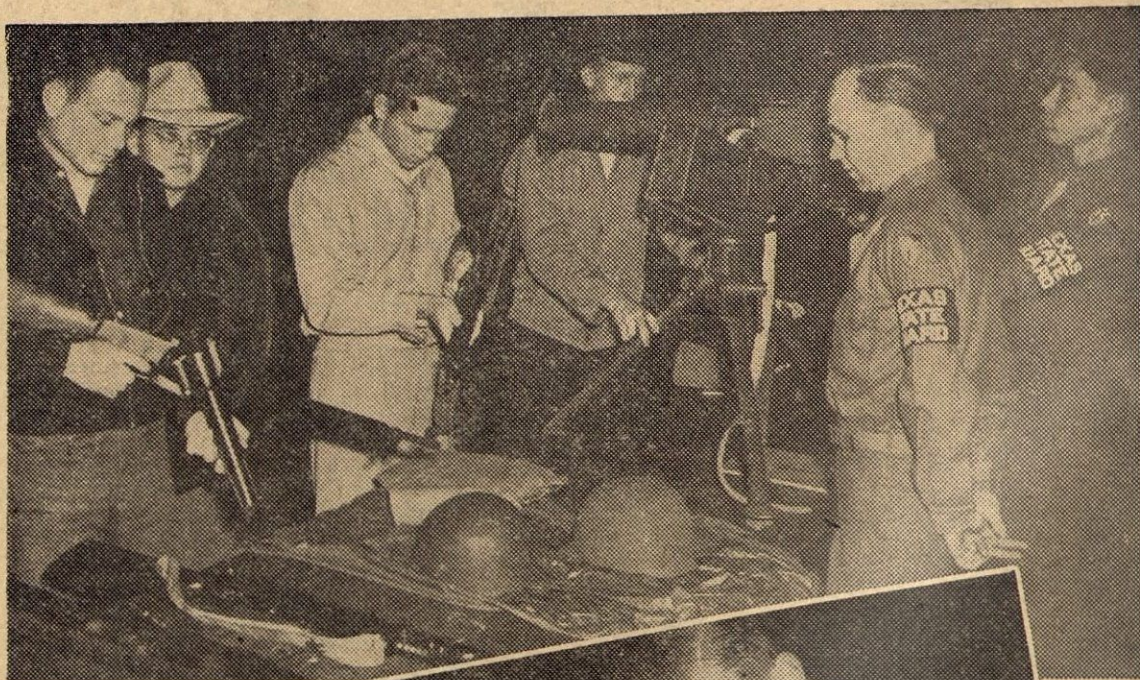
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Private Baethe Makes Psychology Work



In The Pictures

Top: "Don't count your chickens until the eggs are hatched" is Private Baethe's motto, and here he adds one more recruit to the fifty-odd he personally accounted for in the drive. The recruit, center, puts his name on the dotted line, and Private Baethe, left, with a Guard arm band, shows him exactly where to sign.

Center: Private Baethe, left, fits a helmet on a prospect's head.

Bottom: "Now what in the heck is this funny looking gun?" muses Dave Crandall as he handles a gas projectile gun at the 5th Battalion Guard display in the Texas Union, University of Texas. The psychology of permitting, in fact, asking the prospective recruits to handle the guns and equipment, paid off in the drive for new men.

A boy in long pants got on a bus for five cents; a lad in short pants got on for three cents; and a pretty girl got on for nothing—but don't go getting nosy, bub! She had a transfer.

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American Pays Tribute to Texas State Guard

Fine tribute to the Texas State Guard was paid by the Texas Legion News, publication of the Texas Department of the American Legion in its Christmas and New Year issue.

Page one of the Legion News carried a banner line "Dedicated to the Texas State Guard," and also displayed a large picture of Adjutant General Arthur B. Knickerbocker and his staff.

Several articles were carried praising the Texas State Guard—from Governor Coke Stevenson, Brigadier General Knickerbocker, Col. Neill Banister, assistant chief of staff; Col. E. A. Keyes, U. S. Army retired, National Director, Military Instruction, American Legion; Maj. Gen. Claude V. Birk-gion, retired; Sam D. Foreman, head, retired; past department commander; Lt. Col. Vincent Chiodo, TSG, past department commander; Col. Weaver Baker, TSG, chairman of the State Board of Control; Capt. Charles Maisel, USMC, past department commander; Henry Love, present department commander.

The Guardsman expresses sincere thanks for the generous tributes from the American Legion and is sorry that space does not permit us to print them all. Following are the editorials by Governor Stevenson, General Knickerbocker and Commander Love:

GOVERNOR PRAISES STATE GUARD

I never pick up a newspaper these days and read how General Eisenhower is battering the Nazis at the gates of Germany, how MacArthur is avenging Bataan in the Philippines, and how our own Admiral Nimitz is littering the Pacific floor with remnants of the Jap fleet but that my mind goes back to the black days just after Pearl Harbor. And I never think of those dark hours but what I thank Providence for the Red "T" and White Texas Star upon a field of blue—the patch of the Texas State Guard—that I see upon so many khaki shoulders wherever I travel over this broad state of ours.

I doubt whether the average Texan realizes just how great a debt Texas owes to the officers and men of the Texas State Guard. When our heroic 36th Division of the Texas National Guard was called to write imperishable history on the beach at Salerno, Texas was left with no trained force to guarantee the internal security of this vital part of the arsenal of Democracy. But not for long. From behind the counters of stores, out of offices, from behind the plow, from factories, from large city and small town, Texans, who for one reason or another could not serve at the front, flocked to the banner of the Texas Guard. Night after night, with a full day's work behind them, they flocked to corner lots and drilled and spent long hours in hastily improvised armories studying the lessons of home security. They gave freely of their time and money, asking not one cent of pay, to guarantee that the gigantic resources of Texas should be hurled into the war effort, unhampered by sabotage from within or without.

And did they accomplish their purpose? The record shows that Texas has been singularly free of any subversive action that might delay victory. The Texas State Guard has been a tremendous factor in writing that record. The dark days have passed now and victory is in sight. And like the good soldier, who never relaxes his vigilance until the last shot is fired, the Texas State Guard carries on. It was an emergency force in the dark days just after Pearl Harbor. It is a preventive force now. The very excellence of its training, the diligence of its officers and men discourage malcontents from sewing the seeds of discord at home while our troops storm on to victory overseas.

In paying this tribute to the Texas State Guard, I might borrow the great Winston Churchill's tribute to the Royal Air Force when, after the debacle at Dunkirk, it drove the Luftwaffe from the British skies and forestalled Nazi invasion of England: "Never have so many owed so much to so few."

Coke Stevenson,
Governor of Texas.

GUARD AND LEGION HAVE A LOT IN COMMON

The Texas State Guard and the American Legion have a great deal in common these days. We have for several years had the patriotic tie of serving our country on the home front while the war is being fought all over the world. Hundreds of men, including veterans, both of first World War and this one, belong simultaneously to the Legion and to the State Guard. A great number of our most loyal Guardsmen are this type of Texas manhood. They consider that they should continue to serve in whatever capacity they can as long as our nation needs their services.

All of us are living in hope of the termination of this awful conflict. The immediate postwar years, as reasonable men can foresee, promise to be filled with problems which will require difficult readjustments in the United States along with other parts of the world.

We are entering a period, with victory in our grasp, where the closest cooperation between the Texas State Guard and the American Legion must be maintained.

We are working together magnificently now. Many individuals are serving both organizations. We are united in the campaign for continued reliance, after the war, on a military establishment which gives first place to the citizen-soldier. Our American youth, whose ambition seldom runs to military careers, has distinguished himself in this war as he did in the first World War and conflicts before that.

But we must have a better training program. The Legion's national organization is advocating for our peace-time military organization twelve months military service for each young man, to be given at a period least likely to disrupt his education.

A movement to translate that recommendation into terms of a citizen-soldier training program is spreading from Texas throughout the United States and will certainly be presented to Congress at an early date. The Military Affairs Committee appointed by Governor Stevenson is taking the lead. Its members represent the State Guard, the American Legion, the National Guard, Land Grant Colleges, the Reserve Officers Training Corps, and the Organized Reserves.

We are fortunate in having a Texan, Lt. Col. S. Perry Brown of Beaumont, to direct this effort.

Many of you have heard directly from him what the Legion thinks should be incorporated in our post-war military establishment. The training program which he outlines, if adequately and continuously supported, would make this nation impregnable from a military standpoint, and would give each young man at least a year in which to prepare himself. Since we must live in a world in which aggressors rise periodically, we must stay prepared. Really strong nations are not attractive to sneak attackers and dictators.

The American Legion supported plan would combine military training and tactics with general education. It would keep the training close to home, for that is where we want it in a Democracy.

General George C. Marshall, the United States Army Chief of Staff, already is on record as continuing on main reliance upon a trained militia. This will help overcome some of the criticism of the citizen-soldier which has come from men interested in raising and maintaining a huge professional army in peacetime.

The State Military Affairs Committee, purely a voluntary organization, believes with the American Legion that we should have compulsory military training after the war. Twelve months service for our young men, given at a time least

likely to disrupt their lives, will prepare this nation as it never has been prepared before. We will stay prepared. By staying strong, we likely will stay out of future wars. But we must never for a moment (See LEGION, Page 15)

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"A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."—Article Two, Bill of Rights, from the Constitution of the United States.

Files Of Patents
Are Searched To
Provide GI Jobs

Washington.—GI Joe will have a job in the peace years to come if American industry can find anything in the patent files of the nation which will make employment.

The unprecedented search for ideas by industry has flooded the United States Patent Office with so many requests that the office is two months behind schedule.

Manufacturers are scanning the files back to 1790 in the hopes of finding anything from a gimcrack to a major device that could win popular favor, thus insuring big sales and large employment of

workers in many categories.

Patent requests declined at the start of the war as industry turned to armament production. Now manufacturers are looking for improved products, designs and manufacturing methods.

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The Company Unit

Every inspection of the Missouri State Guard brings out a salient fact of real significance for all who have the welfare of the Guard at heart. This is the importance of the company unit itself as the foundation of the organization of the MSG. A battalion or a regiment can be no better than the company units of which it is composed. Strong companies make strong battalions, and strong battalions make strong regiments. Strength builds upon strength, and the strong structure has a secure and solid base.

A recognition of these truths gives added meaning to the purpose of the Brigade Headquarters in their plans to aid the regiments in bringing all individual units to a standard level of efficiency. The meaning and purpose is plain.

What, then, are the essential characteristics of the good company? Why is one company good and another poor? What actually determines excellence on the company level? Obviously, it is easier to spot the good company than it is to tell why it is good. Any competent inspector's report will reveal the points upon which a company's high rating is based. And any observer, watching the company drill or pass on parade or review, recognizes the crack outfit the moment it comes into view. But what makes it the crack unit? That is another matter.

In the Missouri State Guard, anyone who is familiar with the organization knows that the good company is not determined by the size or the quality of the armory. Some of the best companies in the Guard possess the poorest armory facilities. The excellence of the company is not determined by the size of town in which it is located. Some of the best companies, with the highest morale, the best attendance records, the most proficient in every detail, are in the smaller towns. Sometimes a poor company will be found in a neighboring and larger city. It is not a matter of city or country. Some of our finest units are in our largest cities, some equally as good are with outstate regiments.

Isn't the inference plain? The reasons for excellence in the company unit rest within the unit itself. Wherever it is, it is a good company because it possesses certain essential characteristics within itself: Leadership of a high order, enthusiasm to match this leadership, strong and competent personnel ready for every task, and the will to train, and work and fight. These are the ingredients of victory in every organization, in every field, the military as well as the civilian. These are the inherent qualities the high-ranking company must have. And just as there is no substitute for talent, there is no substitute for those things that make a company, a regiment, a Guard or a nation great. There is challenge in this—for all of us!—The State Guardsman, Missouri.

Postwar Military
Plans Discussed
By Knickerbocker

Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker recently spoke at the Laredo Rotary Club on "Why Universal Military Training." Using 16 large charts, the General brought out the lessons of World War No. 1 and the interim between that and World War 2 to prove that "to be ready is to be at peace." That the most important provision congress and the people of the United States can make to guarantee a lasting peace for the nation and the world is a system of universal military training of the young men of the nation: that reasonable military preparedness is the only means by which the peace and security of the nation can be maintained. The belief that it would integrate education of the youth was a belief that some opposed to such military training advance.

He brought out that for years before our entry into World War 2, and even at the time we were attacked and forced to enter, the United States was woefully lacking in trained military. In fact, the entire military training system can

be, and should be, integrated with education and preparation for citizenship. Periods of training gradually go upward, finally reaching the stage where a trainee is qualified for Officer Candidate School, secure a commission, and be ready for maneuvers.

The speaker explained at length the whole universal military training system and gave each phase of it plain and comprehensive interpretation, and then answered all questions asked him. He stated that if universal military training is finally put into effect in this country and a large force of trained officers and men made available for any emergency, there would be no more atrocities like the Pearl Harbor attack committed.

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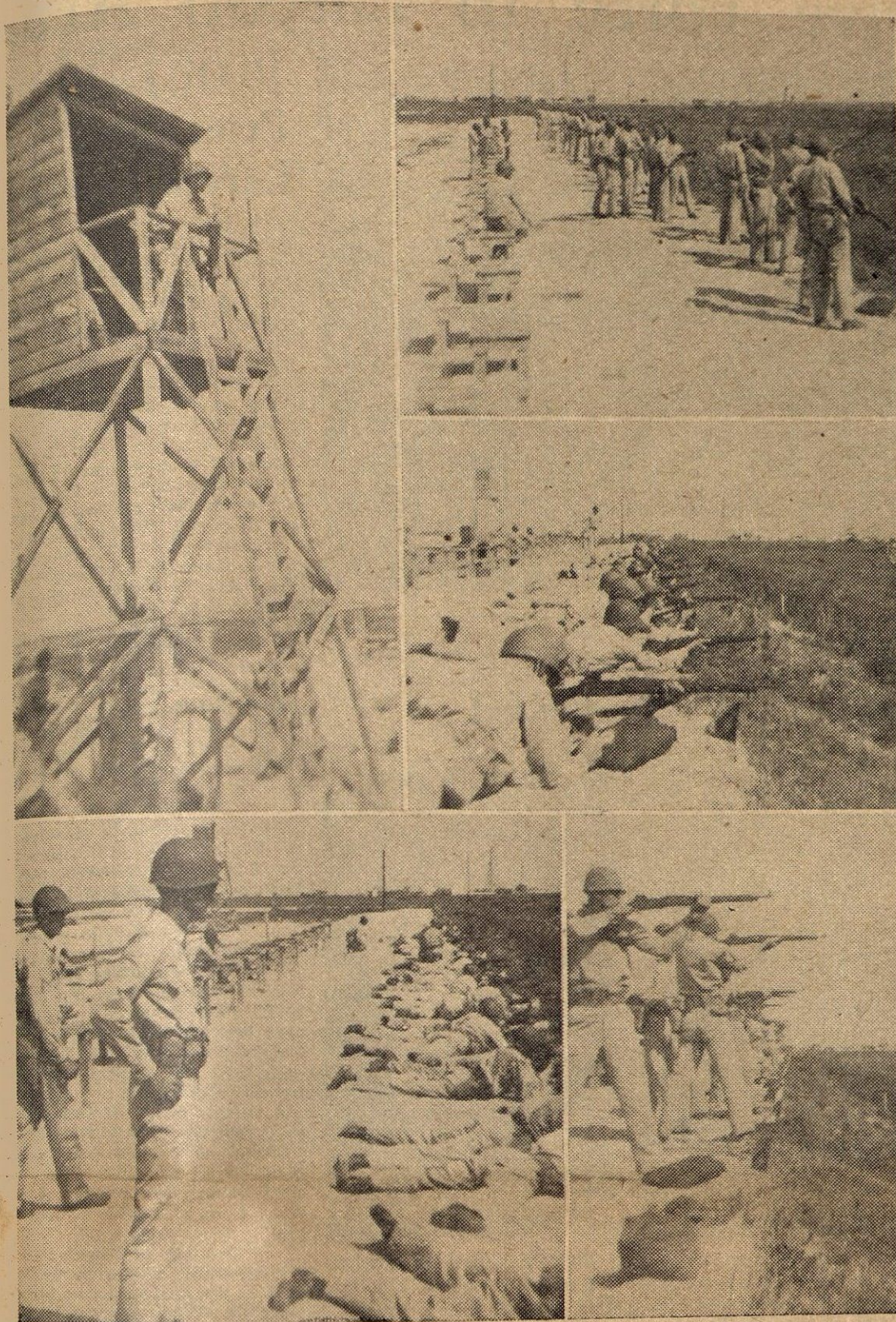
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47th Battalion Has Day On Range



The pictures above show scenes on the firing range.

The 47th Battalion, under command of Major Percy L. Marquess from Wharton, entrucked early September 17, for the firing point at Camp Hulen, Texas. One hundred and forty men fired in seven orders of twenty each, with eight men not getting an opportunity to fire.

The day was well planned by Captain Richardson, Battalion Plans and Operations Officer, who arranged through the AAATC Commander for a full program. Demonstrations were given by Army personnel of anti-tank and anti-personnel mines, star shells set off by "booby-traps," and the "Ba-

zooka" used against tanks and other armored vehicles. Colonel Brownlee, whose AA battalion was firing at towed targets, put on a demonstration. Three men from each unit were allowed to fire the bazooka, and an impressive amount of hits were made.

Company E had nine men to qualify as marksmen, leading all other companies in numbers to do this.

Each company had prepared meals, and served them in the shade of the field house.

All units of the battalion were represented, and about 40% of the enlisted strength were present. Company A, Victoria; Company B, El Campo; Company C, Wharton; Company D, Sugarland and Richmond; Company E, Bay City; Headquarters and Medical Detachments, Wharton; and the Service Detachment at Rosenberg averaged sixty miles for each unit in distance traveled.

The chaplain was testing the knowledge of a group of men he had been chosen to address.

"What," he asked, "are the sins of omission?"

After a few moments of silence, a private in the rear timidly answered: "They're the sins we should have committed and didn't."

Pvt: "If you don't marry me I'll hang myself in your yard."

Girl: "Oh, please, you know father doesn't want you hanging around."

"What's your job, soldier?"

"Army locksmith, sir."

"Then what were you doing in the day room when the captain raided the dice game?"

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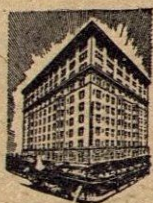
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Guard Wives Honored With Dallas Dance

By CAPT. E. H. MILLER, JR.

The Texas State Guard Officers' Association, Chapter No. 1, Dallas, held its annual ball at the Lakewood Country Club on the night of December 15. A cocktail hour was held from 7 to 8 p. m., where the officers and their wives really got acquainted. Dinner consisting of rib steaks, shrimp cocktail, lettuce and tomato salad and orange sherbet was served at 8:15 p. m.

A 15-piece orchestra, made up of members of the TSG band in Dallas and directed by Lt. Ralph Beck, played dinner music, and at 9 p. m. started playing dance music until 12, when the party was ended.

To start the dance the crowd sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and were then led in a grand march by Lt. Col. B. F. McLain and his wife, followed by Lt. Col. Earl Cabell and his wife, Lt. Col. J. D. Dickey and his wife, and Lt. Col. H. B. Younger and his wife. Col. Gilbert E. Ackerman of the Eighth Service Company was guest.

The ball was given in honor of the officers' wives of the Dallas chapter, and will probably be an annual affair because it was such a huge success.

The arrangements committee consisted of Capt. Thad Childre, chairman; Capt. Frank Milton and Capt. Ed Miller. Capt. Roy G. Pender handled the publicity. These men deserve a lot of credit for a swell party.

New Mortar Can Be Fired By One Man

Fort Benning, Ga.—On the "Army Hour" broadcast, Maj. Edward Crossman, speaking from here, disclosed that the Army is now using a new 60-millimeter infantry mortar which can be fired either in the conventional lobbed manner or in a rifle-like flat trajectory.

Explaining that conventional mortars usually are fired by dropping the projectile into the muzzle, the propellant explosive detonating when the projectile seats at the bottom of the up-ended tube, Major Crossman stated the "one-man" mortar, weighing only 20 pounds, consists of a tube, base plate and firing mechanism, and is equipped with a trigger, making possible its use as a flat trajectory weapon.

Phone Training Manuals, Films Made Available

Field telephones and switchboards are in the process of being issued to all Texas State Guard battalions.

In connection with this issue the training aids section at Austin has distributed two technical manuals, TM 11-331 "Switchboard," and TM 11-333 "Telephones."

Training films on the use of the telephone also are available at the auxiliary film library. They are:

TF 11-1199, "Use of the Field Telephone," which deals with the value of the field telephone, its operation and specific instructions for its operation.

TF 11-1234, "Telephone Switchboard Operation," which is intended for the instruction of all switchboard operators.

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13th Battalion Active Force In Laredo Area

13th Bn. Was Organized In Late 1940

By Capt. Gerald W. Hildebrand
S-3, 13th Bn., TSG.

Realizing the necessity of trained men taking over the duties of the Texas National Guard, if and when that organization was federalized, groups of men in Laredo and Webb County began the preliminary work of organizing and instructing companies of volunteers, in the late summer of 1940.

The first meeting in the county was held at Mirando City, Texas, on August 6, 1940, closely followed by meeting in Laredo, Texas, on September 3, 1940, and in Hebronville, Texas (Jim Hogg County) in October, 1940. All of these meetings, and the first instruction given the various groups, were conducted mainly by American Legion posts of those communities.

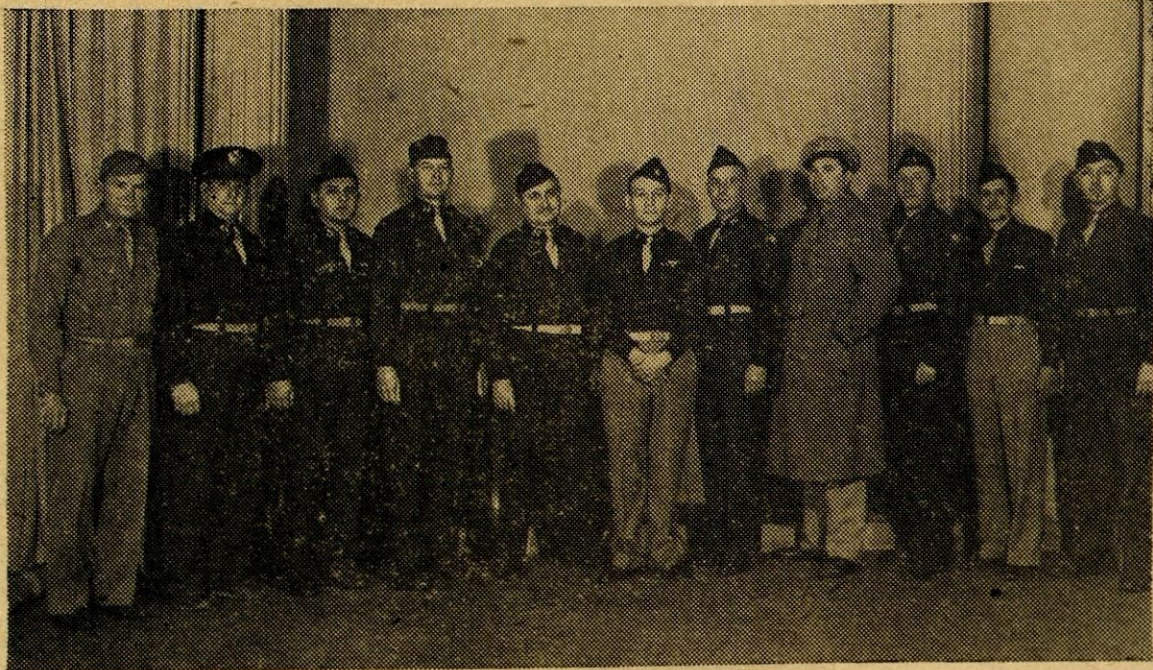
Passage of a bill by the House of Representatives and by the Senate of the United States and the signing of that bill by the President of the United States on October 21, 1940, providing for the training of companies of men in States where the National Guard was called into Federal service, legalized these groups of companies.

Grouped In 1941
These units drilled separately according to training programs outlined by J. Watt Page, then Adjutant General, State of Texas, until in January 1941, when they were grouped into a provisional battalion with Maj. William A. Petty in command. Company A, commanded by Robert S. Camp, captain; Company B, Frank C. Pierce, captain, commanding; Company C, M. E. Sheffield, captain, commanding; all of Laredo; and Company D of Mirando City, Capt. Earl T. Harvey, commanding. This Webb County battalion also had an Air Unit commanded by First Lt. Buck Leighton and a Motor Transport Unit commanded by First Lt. Ross Swisher.

March 1941 saw busy times at meetings of Laredo, Mirando City and Hebronville for regular enlistment forms and applications for the appointment of officers were received from the Adjutant General's office and the blanks were filled in, making enlistment "Official."

Inspection of units of what had been designated as the 13th Battalion, Infantry, Texas Defense Guard, was held by Maj. Allen D. Rooke of Woodboro, as a representative of the Adjutant General's Department, Laredo units being inspected on May 14, 1941, and Mirando and Hebronville on May 15, 1941.

First Officers
The first complement of 13th Battalion TDG officers were:
Staff Officers:
Maj. William A. Petty.
Capt. Miles A. Hanchett, S-1.
Capt. J. A. Simpson, Medical Officer.
Capt. James G. Smith, Chaplain.
(See 13TH ORGANIZED, P. 20)



Sixth Generation Of Laredo's Founder Serves In 13th Battalion Of Texas State Guard

The name of Sanchez is inextricably woven into the history of Laredo, and today the sixth and seventh generations of the family that founded Laredo are serving the nation in time of war.

Lt. Nicolas M. Sanchez, adjutant and commanding officer of the Headquarters Detachment of the 13th Battalion, TSG, is the sixth generation descendant of Capt. Tomas Sanchez, who founded Laredo on May 15, 1755.

His son, Nick M. Sanchez, Jr., is a sergeant in the armed forces of the United States overseas.

A nephew, Pvt. Thomas Sanchez, son of Dario Sanchez, Jr., of Los Angeles, and formerly of Laredo, has been missing in action since November of 1942.

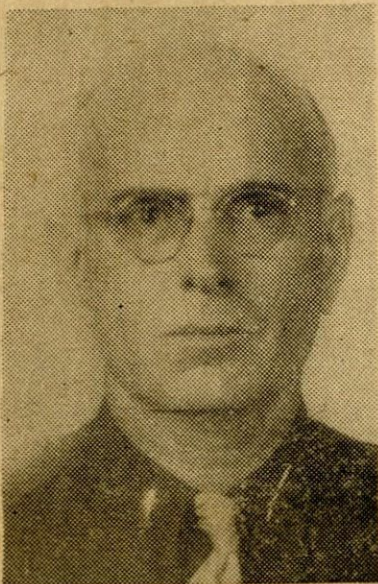
Thomas Sanchez's brother, Lt. Dario Sanchez, Jr., received his wings at Albuquerque air field and now serves in the air forces.

There has been a Sanchez prominent in the military and civil affairs of Laredo since the doughty Captain Tomas crossed the Rio Grande with his flocks and herds from Coahuila in Mexico in 1754 and established a ranch in what is now Zapata County, about 25 miles south of Laredo. The ancient ruins of this rancho are still in existence.

Sanchez wanted to establish a town on that site, offering to pay the expense of bringing the necessary families there out of his own pocket, but the Spanish government had decided on a site farther east on the Nueces River.

The site selected was not favorable and the families did not want to stay. The government later sent Captain Sanchez to the Nueces vicinity and he, too, reported that the location was not favorable to a colony.

Captain Sanchez was a man of



Left: First Lt. Nicholas Sanchez, adjutant and commanding officer of the Headquarters Detachment of the 13th Battalion, Laredo.



Right: Sgt. Nick M. Sanchez, Jr., serving overseas with the U. S. Army.

strong convictions, and he told the government that he would be through with colonization unless he was allowed to establish a settlement on the Rio Grande.

The government finally decided that the Captain knew best, and on the 15th day of May, 1755, Sanchez conducted the families he had brought for the Nueces colony to a site on the Rio Grande and there established his townsite.

He gave it the name of Laredo, in honor of the City of Laredo on the Bay of Biscay, Santander Province, Spain. There were but 11 families to start the town, and Cap-

40 Oil Fields Producing In Laredo District

The great oil and gas producing capacity of the Laredo district was discovered by accident, but it is no accident that production, in spite of rigid proration, is now approximately 5,000,000 barrels of crude oil and 1,000,000,000 cubic feet of gas annually.

Back in 1913 a rancher was drilling a water well to relieve serious drouth conditions and struck oil at a depth of only 163 feet. It is no exaggeration to say that the rancher was disappointed, as it was water to save his cattle that he wanted. However, the significance of his discovery soon impressed the territory and it was not long before the search for the black gold was in full swing.

After the accidental discovery of the first shallow field, the real oil discovery that led to the great drilling operations that ensued in the Laredo district was the bringing in of Mirando No. 3 in the Mirando Valley field by O. W. Killam, today the dean of the oil industry in the district.

Mirando City Pool
The next field to be opened was the Mirando City Pool in 1922 by the Laredo Oil Company, which completed its No. 2 as a good producer. In the meantime, the Carolina-Texas Oil & Gas Interests completed their No. 1 north of Oilton, as a gasser making about 25,000,000 cubic feet daily. Since then many other large gas producers have been completed in this field and many of Texas' great cities receive their gas supplies from the Laredo district pools.

A great wave of exploration work followed with O. W. Killam, a group of aviators from Kelly Field, Texas, J. J. O'Hern and others forming new companies to develop the rich resources of the district.

40 Fields In District
There are approximately 40 fields in the Laredo district, which comprises Webb, Zapata and Jim Hogg counties, with 17 of them in Webb County alone.

Most of the fields are known as shallow production with the deepest about 3,000 feet. However, in spite of the war, a number of deep tests are now being made in the district by the big oil companies, and it is the consensus of opinion that the great oil development of the territory will follow the war.

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13th Captain Gives Results Of Gun Test

By
CAPT. FRANCIS D. EISTETTER

At the State Guard Officers' School at Camp Bullis, July 18-25, one of the instructors stated that one of the instructors was not effective in a full choke barrel—that it would scatter all over the country.

A number of the officers in the class were concerned about this because we figured, why should the U. S. Government give us guns and then furnish ammunition that was not suited to the gun?

I decided to test the type of guns that we had and found that all shotguns in the 13th Battalion were either full or modified choke—no cylinder barrels. Together with Capt. Raul C. Salinas, commanding D Company, we made the following test:

We did not have enough regulation silhouette targets, so we made up some out of wrapping paper, regulation size. These were stapled onto a heavy cardboard backing size 6x6 feet in order to see where the misses went. Target was fastened in the exact center of the blackboard.

First Gun Used

First gun used was a model 12 Winchester pump, full choke. At 25 yards with aiming point at lower chest 6 shot hit in chest, 1 in groin and 2 went off target at 9 o'clock. At 50 yards, same aiming point, 1 shot hit chest, 2 in groin, 1 hit at 3 o'clock and five went out at 9 o'clock. At 75 yards with aiming point at junction of neck and shoulders, 1 shot hit target's right leg in thigh, 1 hit at 6 o'clock off target and another at 9 o'clock. All others missed the 6x6-foot backboard.

Second gun used was a model 12 Winchester pump, modified choke. At 25 yards, aiming point at chest, 6 grouped in the chest area, 1 hit right shoulder and 2 others missed target 3 and 4 inches at 9 o'clock. At 50 yards, 1 shot hit belly, 1 on right hip, 3 hit backboard at 9 o'clock, and 2 others hit backboard at 6 o'clock. At 75 yards with aiming point at chest, 1 hit in chest, another in groin and 3 others made about a 6-inch group on backboard at 11 o'clock, lowest one about 4 inches from head.

Third Gun

Third gun used was a Stevens (Springfield) single barrel, full choke. At 25 yards, aiming point chest, 1 hit in chest, 7 in belly and 1 missed, going off target one inch at 9 o'clock. At 50 yards 1 shot hit belly, 1 on thigh (left), 3 went out at 9 o'clock and 2 missed at 6 o'clock. At 75 yards, aiming point at junction of neck and shoulders, 1 shot hit head, 2 others went out at 9 o'clock and 2 others went out at 6 o'clock.

One peculiarity noted in the shot groups of all three guns is that practically all shot that missed the target itself went to 9 o'clock. Captain Salinas and myself alternated in shooting. Kneeling and sitting positions were used, so we know that each shot went off right at the aiming point.

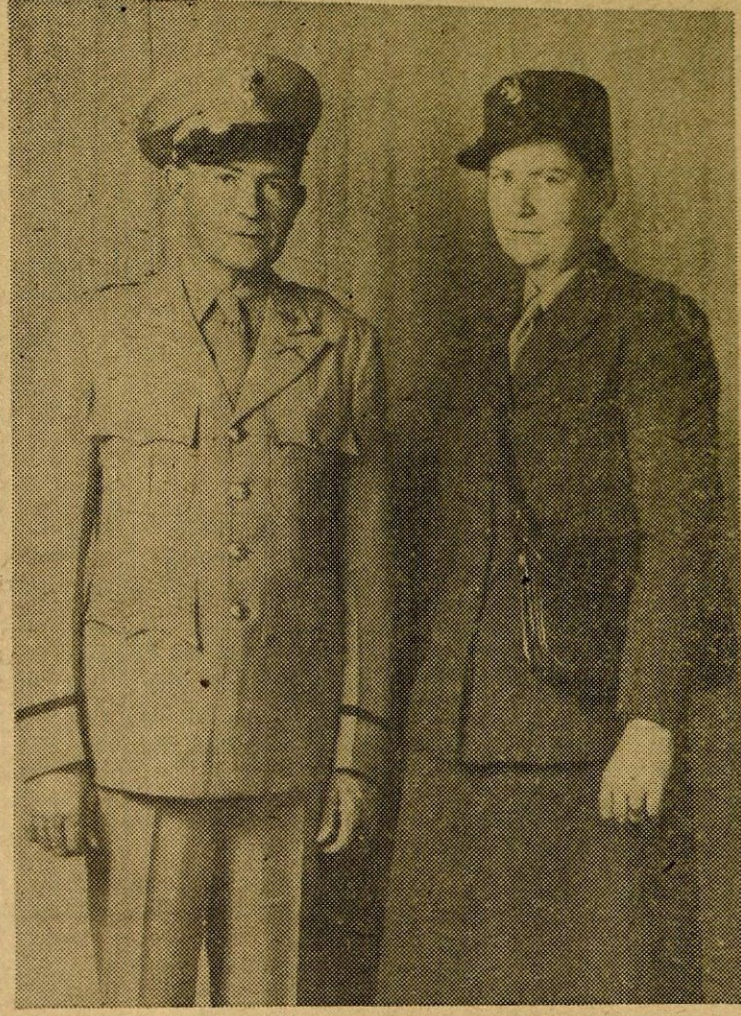
It is hoped that this test may be of interest to other outfits. Our opinion is that although double 0 buck scatters out pretty well at 75 yards it will still put a man out of action at that distance, because at that range at least one pellet hit the target and that is all that it takes to kill or disable a man.

90th Division Troops Garner 12,245 Awards

With the 90th Division, France.—During their four months of fighting in France, personnel of the 90th Division have been awarded a total of 12,245 decorations for outstanding performance in combat.

Combat Infantrymen's Badges have been awarded to 11,425. There have been 589 recipients of Bronze Stars; 175 of Silver Stars; 23 Oak Leaf Clusters to the Bronze Star; 17 Soldier's Medals; 9 Air Medals; 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Silver Star, and 2 Legion of Merit awards.

Laredo Has Father And Daughter Military Team



In quite a few recent issues of The Texas Guardsman there have been featured "Father and Son" teams, and the 13th Battalion, Laredo, has quite a few also, but the 13th has one pair in service, as probably has other battalions, just a little different.

Capt. Gerald W. Hildebrand, Operations Officer, 13th Battalion, TSG, and his daughter, Cpl. Mary L. Hildebrand, WAC Det., 1322 S. U., Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland, have taken an active part in affairs of the 13th since its organization.

Captain Hildebrand enlisted in the first drill unit in the county on August 6, 1940, acting as first sergeant and second lieutenant during the provisional period of Company D, 13th Battalion, Infantry, Miranda City, and was given permanent commission as second lieutenant, effective April 9, 1941, upon recognition of that company by the State of Texas. Advanced to first lieutenant on March 18, 1942, he continued in that capacity until the demobilization of Company D of Miranda City when, as of July 9, 1942, he was honorably separated from service. Upon moving to Laredo he again became active in the 13th

Battalion, receiving commission as first lieutenant on December 19, 1942, and was assigned as the commanding officer of the Headquarters Detachment. Upon the resignation of Capt. J. P. Leyendecker a promotion was granted to Hildebrand, advancing him to grade of captain with assignment to duty as Operations and Training Officer for the 13th Battalion, which grade and assignment he now holds.

Aided Father

Cpl. Mary L. Hildebrand of the Women's Army Corps took an active part in early training of the enlisted personnel of Company D, 13th Battalion, Miranda City, in assisting her father and the officers of that company in teaching nomenclature of Enfield rifles, M1911 Colt 45 automatic, M1917 revolver and the Reising caliber 45 sub-machine gun. Shooting positions, proper breathing, trigger squeeze and proper sighting also were subjects on which her assistance helped, as having burned up plenty of ammunition herself in every type of handgun or rifle available since the age of four years, and having been a member of the National Rifle Association for some time,

she was thoroughly qualified as an instructor.

Upon the organization of the Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps, Mary took her examination at San Antonio on June 3, 1942, and was sworn in on August 27, 1942, being the forty-sixth girl to enter that organization in the entire Eighth Service Command district. Reporting to Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, on September 14, she was after completion of basic training assigned to Motor Transport.

Sent To Maryland

When the 36th WAAC Headquarters company was formed and sent to Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland, Aux. Hildebrand arrived at the new station on January 14, 1943. In the list of first ratings issued there Aux. Hildebrand became a T/5 and shortly thereafter became a corporal, assigned to duty as assistant dispatcher, Motor Corps.

Remaining at Ft. Meade until May, 1944, Cpl. Hildebrand was then assigned to the Third WAC Training Center at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., for oversea training. Hard luck overtook her there in the form of a touch of pneumonia which caused cancellation of orders, and she is now again at Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland, hoping for another opportunity to "go across."

Cpl. Hildebrand wears two service ribbons, the first being awarded to her upon re-enlistment when the WAAC became the Women's Army Corps on August 13, 1943, and the Good Conduct Ribbon in February, 1944. Recently a Good Drivers Medal was also presented to Cpl. Mary L. Hildebrand.

Four of the WAC's of the Motor Corps at Ft. Mead, Maryland, on August 6, 1942, went through the Infiltration Course with a labor delegation from Baltimore who were being shown what training soldiers went through. These four WAC's, who begged Major Arthur

B. Foster, post plans and training officer, for permission to go through the course, were Cpl. Mary L. Hildebrand, Cpl. Lou Koehler, Pfc. Mildren Silhanek and Pvt. Edith Gardiner. These four girls, from widely separated sections of the United States, Texas, Wisconsin, Ohio and Pennsylvania, show that the girls in the WAC ask for no easy assignment, but desire to do the work required of them and a little more.

Second Lt. Edgar A. Luton, Armored Division (former 13th Battalion TSG captain) and his wife, First Lt. Francis M. Luton, WAC, is a husband and wife team.

Here's a little poem for the boys from Brooklyn:

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Why that's absurd,
I thought the wing was on the bird!

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In the year preceding the war more than 30,000 automobiles carrying approximately 100,000 American tourists entered the interior of Mexico through the port of Laredo. This was in addition to many thousands more who entered the southern republic over the main line of the Missouri Pacific and the National Railways of Mexico.

In spite of the restrictions of motor travel due to gasoline rationing, automobile travel to and from Mexico has remained at a high level, while train travel has multiplied several hundred per cent.

Following the war, with most of the rest of the world closed to tourist travel, Mexico is certain to become the mecca of hundreds of thousands if not millions of American tourists anxious to take their first vacations in several years. Laredo, as the principal gateway to the land of romance and charm, will unquestionably entertain the vast majority of this mighty horde of pleasure seekers.

Warm Weather Resort

Laredo, itself, is becoming increasingly famous as a warm weather resort, and, with some of the finest tourist courts and hotels in the nation, will attract hundreds for the fall, winter and spring months, and there are many interesting trips to be made from there along the banks of the Rio Grande.

The vast majority of automobile tourists use Laredo as an "outfitting post," obtaining their tourist cards and car bonds and buying supplies for their trips to the interior of Mexico. Their average stay is one and a half days in the Gateway City both entering and leaving the neighboring country.

Laredo is better equipped than any other point of entry to care for the Mexican bound tourist, in addition to being the most convenient point of entry. There are several excellent tourist agents which render free service to the visitors and advise them on their trips.

Aid To Tourists

The American Automobile Association keeps a special representative, Charles Mumm, in Laredo, maintaining spacious offices and assisting tourists in obtaining their papers for the trip and advising them on points of interest, customs of the country and other matters. The Laredo Chamber of Commerce also maintains tourist offices in the lobby of the Hamilton Hotel under the direction of Mrs. Alice Wilson, who has had years of experience in advising Mexican-bound trippers.

Anyone planning a trip to Mexico after the war should write one of these fine offices and obtain full information for their trips, and then visit the offices when they arrive in Laredo.

The tired sergeant plodded wearily home. He had had a hard day with his men on the field. His last good tire had blown out on the road. When he reached home, no aroma of a good supper cooking. Everything was quiet. A note on the table informed him that his wife was gone for good. A telephone call from a nosy neighbor informed him that she'd run off with a captain.

"That's the last straw," he said to himself dismally. "One shot would end it all."

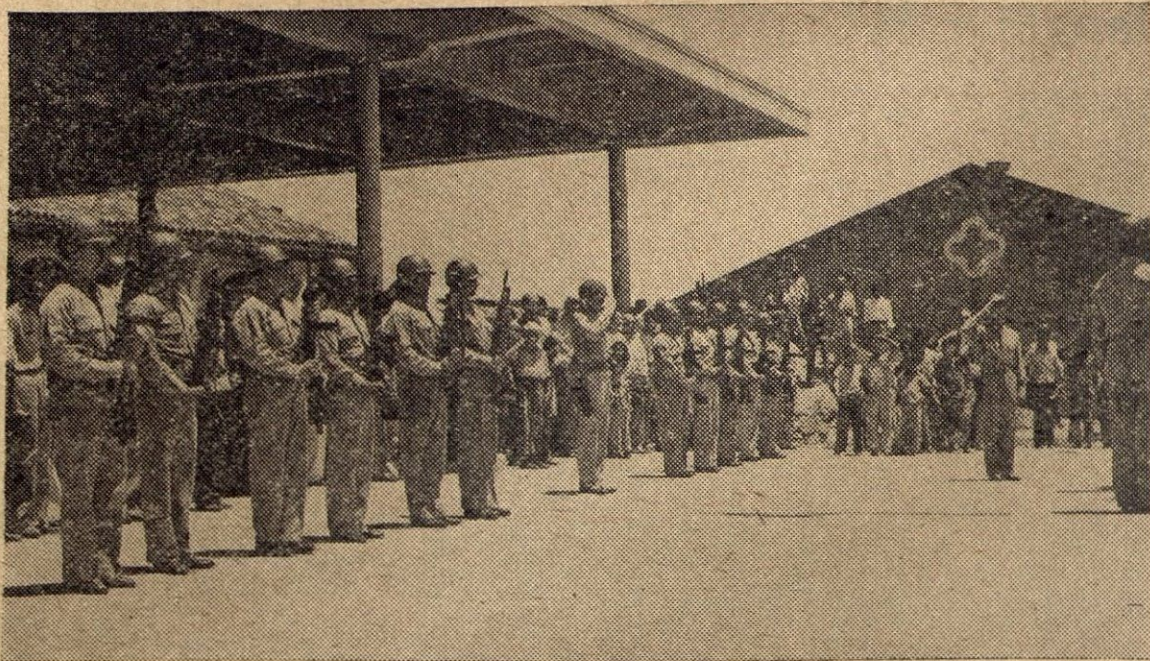
So he got down the bottle and took one.

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13th Takes Part In Building Dedication



The new federal building, erected at the Laredo end of the International Bridge over the Rio Grande River, joining Texas and Mexico, was dedicated with a program of speakers. Dignitaries of Texas, Army officers, Legion-

naires, representatives of civic organizations, customs department, city officials, all took part in the laying of the cornerstone.

The 13th Battalion, Infantry, TSG, had charge of the flag raising ceremony with a couple of

armed squads, color bearers, and color guards, and a bugler. Capt. Julius V. Joseph, Company A, 13th Battalion, TSG, was in charge of the detail. The bugler was Cpl. Joseph Ladabaum.

5 Expert Riflemen Are Qualified On 13th Bn. Range

Five expert riflemen were qualified recently on the range by the 13th Battalion, Texas State Guard, at Laredo.

The battalion fired on a range located in a pit on the property of the Laredo Brick Company.

Following is a list of the men who qualified as expert, sharpshooter and marksman:

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This Couldn't Happen In Hitler's Reichwehr

Camp Chaffee, Ark.—A Detroit mother would have been happy if she could have peered into a certain tent occupied by a unit of the 16th Armored Division, spending the night in the field under blackout conditions.

Inside, a private stood before a big chocolate cake, aglow with 19 candles—blackout curtains were drawn over the tent's door and windows, of course—and in front of him stood a colonel, a major, a lieutenant and a master sergeant, plus one or two other soldiers, singing a birthday greeting to him.

The proud private was Marvin Welsh, Jr., of Detroit, and the cake, which was soon diminished before the onslaught of many hungry soldiers, had been sent by his mother. It was her gesture at making his nineteenth birthday, and the first one he had ever spent away from home, as pleasing as possible.

You make your bed;
There's not a wrinkle.
You shine your shoes
Until they twinkle.
You sweep the floor,
You even mop.
You scrub the window
Ledge on top.
You blitz your buckle
'Til you see your reflection.
So what happens?
No inspection!

She: "You deceived me before we were married. You told me you were well off."

He: "I was, but I didn't know it."

A private was shaving himself in the open air when his sergeant came along.

Sergeant: "Do you always shave outside?"

"Of course," answered the private, "did you think I was furlined?"

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Laredo Girls' Unit Aided In Emergency

By LT. NICK SANCHEZ
13th Bn, TSG.

Unique among Texas State Guard organizations is the Girls' Guard Staff Corps, attached to the 13th Battalion, TSG, Laredo. The organization was formed in 1941 upon the insistence of many Laredo women who wanted to join with the men in forming a strong internal defense force.

The need of a first aid unit was recognized very early in the life of the 13th, and the newly organized women's outfit filled this need. The tactical training of the unit was under Sgt. I. Delapass of Company D detached for this special duty. The regular first aid course of the American Red Cross was given by A. Zamora, a qualified Red Cross instructor. All of the women in the unit took the course and the majority completed it, and received Red Cross certificates.

The zeal of the first-aiders for their work was unusual. They cut and made their own attractive uniforms of khaki. They bought from their own funds two regulation litters. First-aid field kits were donated to the GGSC by the American Legion Auxiliary and County Judge Raymond.

In 1942 command of the organization fell to First Lt. N. Sanchez. The GGSC accompanied the 13th on maneuvers, exercising their first aid ability on "casualties" and the regular cuts and bruises attendant with a bivouac.

The active officers included First Sgt. B. Cono, S/Sgt. E. Galvan, S/Sgt. Walker, S/Sgt. C. Garza, S/Sgt. E. Pena. There were three corporals, and 15 enlistel women. As pressure of war demands increased, several of these women left for positions in war plants located out of Laredo. S/Sgt. Pena is a member of the WACs.

The first duties of the GGSC were turned over to the battalion medical detachment upon the activation of the latter. However, the GGSC is still included in the 13th's mobilization plans as an adjunct to the medical and service detachments.

We, in the 13th, wish to pay tribute to these loyal women of Laredo who gave their services in the GGSC, and are still serving their nation and state in the armed forces and on the home front.

The GI was in a nervous, excitable state. He appealed to the chaplain in a loud whisper after the ceremony: "Is it kistomary to cuss the bride?"

"Not yet, my boy, not yet," the chaplain replied.

Colonel: "Why do you have all the big men in the front rank and all the small men in the rear?"

Lt.: "It's the sergeant's idea. He use to run a fruit store."

Girls' Guard Staff Corps Shown In Action



These pictures show members of the Girls' Guard Staff Corps, unique unit attached to the 13th Battalion, Texas State Guard, at Laredo, in action. The picture at the top left shows members of the corps with Lt. N. Sanchez, commander of the unit. At top right stretcher bearers are in action on maneuvers; at bottom left members of the unit pose with Lt. Col. Wm. A. Petty, 13th Battalion commander, on maneuvers near Laredo; and at bottom right first aid is administered in the field during a maneuver.

Laredo Army Air Field Was Opened In July Of 1942

The jackrabbits and rattlesnakes were pushed aside, and amid dust and sizzling heat, ground was broken for construction of Laredo Army Air Field, by the H. B. Zachry Co. of Laredo, in July, 1942.

Col. William L. Kennedy arrived in August of 1942 to assume command of the field and to supervise the construction work, and each day saw more officers and enlisted men arriving from fields throughout the country to assume their duties at the nation's fifth aerial gunnery school, later to become the world's greatest gunnery school.

Col. Leland S. Stranathan, the present commanding officer, arrived here July 20, 1944, coming from Maxwell Field, Ala., succeeding Col. Charles G. Percy.

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Livestock Raising Is Webb County's Largest Industry

Although the famous Texas Longhorn, which roamed the Webb County brush lands in pioneer days and made up the great herds which moved north over the storied Chisholm trail from the border to the railhead in Kansas, has been relegated to the zoos and museums of the country, the county's cattle industry is now greater than ever, with Herefords and other breeds taking the old-timers' place.

The cattle industry is the county's biggest activity and yields its biggest income.

Of the 2,050,760 acres of land in the county, over 1,819,000 is in pasture. At the present this acreage grazes approximately 200,000 head of cattle. Other livestock activities include goat raising and dairying.

latter two being moved here from Ft. Myers, Florida. The Research Department, whose function it is to conduct all research in conjunction with aerial gunnery training, also is located here.

Chaplain Solves His Problem With 50 Borrowed Coffins

With the 90th Infantry Division in France.—Since the 90th Division arrived in France, Sunday church services for fighting troops have been conducted amidst strange surroundings on occasion, but nothing so far has been quite so grotesque as the hall selected recently by Chaplain Edgar H. Stohler.

In search of a suitable indoor location, the chaplain found a social hall belonging to a local parish. The religious population of the community hadn't used the building since the German invasion four years ago, but the quarters were

nicely decorated and complete with balcony and stage.

All seating accommodations had been removed, but the chaplain thought he had a solution.

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Men Of Latin Blood, Some with Record In Mexican Army, Serve 13th Battalion

By Capt. Gerald W. Hildebrand
S-3, 13th Bn., TSG.

In order to really appreciate the support and participation in Texas Defense Guard and Texas State Guard activities in the Laredo sector by residents and citizens, it is primarily necessary to understand some of the problems of this particular country.

In 1940 the population of Webb County was possibly 50,000, of whom 12,000 or more are not citizens of the United States. Some of that 12,000 have since then been naturalized and others have obtained their first papers in an effort to eventually become citizens.

In the early days of the TDG, an alien of a friendly nation, such as Mexico, could belong to or be commissioned as an officer of the TDG, according to "Memorandum No. 2, AGD, January 27, 1941," and under that memo the 13th Battalion TDG obtained the enlistment of many valuable men. They were valuable in that they knew every cow trail or game trail in this section, they knew the language spoken by the majority of the residents. They had sons, brothers, fathers or cousins who were in or soon expected to be in the armed forces of the United States. Many had past experience in military action such as could have happened along the border, and were honestly desirous of rendering the assistance of which they were so well fitted to give.

Enlistments Stopped

However, on April 2, 1942, Memorandum No. 7, AGD, was issued stopping such enlistments and requiring that all such enlistments be terminated, equipment taken up, discharges issued and a letter written to those men stating that they could no longer take part and give the cooperation that they so much desired to give.

The 13th Battalion TDG and TSG objected to the new rule and submitted requests to the AGD, and to convention TSGOA at Austin, in an effort to have the old memo put back in force.

In session of the State Legislature, 1943, change was made in enlistment requirements, placing the old rule again in effect. Some of those again eligible have been enlisted.

Some Men of Latin Blood

The 13th Battalion has among its previous and present enlisted and commissioned personnel some men of Latin blood who have been places and are willing to go again. Following are a few:

Capt. Samuel C. Alexander, S-4, 13th Battalion, Infantry, TSG, enlisted as private, TDG, became battalion sergeant-major, was commissioned as first lieutenant S-4, and upon formation of the Service Detachment was promoted in grade to captain. This is all old stuff to "El Capitan," since he, while a boy, participated in revolutions in Mexico, becoming successively a second lieutenant, first lieutenant, second captain, captain, major, lieutenant colonel, and finally a full colonel of the Mexican army. All of those promotions were given on the battlefields of Mexico. He knows what it feels like to be a prisoner of war, as well as knowing the feeling of those conducting a winning

campaign. In the National Museum, Mexico City, Mexico, there is on display a beautiful silver mounted saddle bearing a card "Captured by Lt. Col. Samuel C. Alexander." He married a niece of the former president of Mexico, V. Carranza. His brother-in-law, Gen. Gustavo A. Salinas, is chief of air forces in Mexico. A cousin by marriage, Gen. Alberto Salinas Carranza, is in charge of civilian air forces of Mexico.

On Sunk Transport

Second Lt. Miguel Hernandez, Company B, 13th Battalion, TSG, came up through the ranks in this organization. A veteran of the first World War, "Mike" was on the only transport sunk off the coast of Ireland and made the hospital at Belfast and in England.

Captain Harry M. Emery, former CO of Company D, 13th Battalion, when only 16 years of age, ran away from home, enlisted in the revolutionary army of Mexico, saw plenty of action and was taken prisoner. Some of those captured with him were executed. A member of the American Legion, Emery was in the army of the United States during the first World War.

Pvt. Romula Lara, Company D, 13th Battalion, TDG, Mirando City, said of his training in the TDG: "Teniente, this is much different from the revolutionary company in Mexico—they just said to me 'Here's a horse and gun; come on, let's go.'"

With Pancha Villa

Pfc. Jose Herrera, Company D, 13th Battalion, Mirando City, was with Pancho Villa in Mexico, and still loves to hear "Adelita" played or sung.

Cpl. Eustachio Montoya, Company B, 13th Battalion, TSG, was on official photographer with Pancho Villa for quite some time and has a wonderful collection of pictures of that campaign, including a group of possibly 15 men, of whom only Capt. Samuel C. Alexander, one other man, Photographer Montoya, are still alive, the others being killed in action. Montoya, while up in years, is still not desired as a sparring partner by lots of the younger men of the 13th.

Sgt. Juan Rodriguez, Service Detachment, TSG, 13th Battalion, served nine months with Company D, 13th Battalion, TDG, re-enlisted January 1943, Headquarters De-

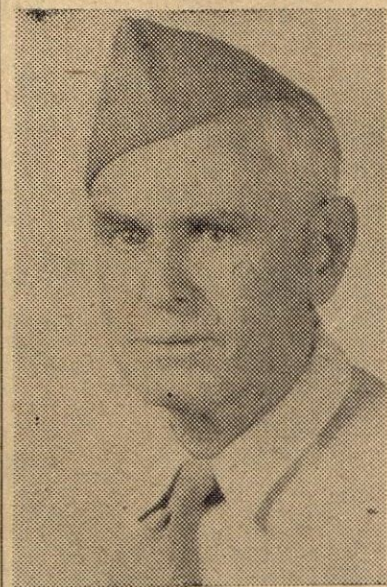
tachment, had his enlistment voided by the AGD, on ineligibility, having first papers on citizenship only, but never missed a drill or a non-com school as a supernumerary until the 10th day of November, 1943, when he received his final citizenship papers and re-enlisted and was sworn in as private TSG the same day. Sergeant Rodriguez has two sons in the armed forces; Corporal Montoya has two also, both of whom have been wounded in action; Captain Alexander, a nephew killed in action. Private Molina had a brother killed in the invasion of France, Hector, formerly a member of provisional Company D, 13th Battalion, TDG, Mirando City, and Second Lt. George S. Pappas lost a brother in World War II and has another brother in the army who was formerly in the 13th Battalion.

There are many more men in the battalion who have seen service and burned ammunition; many have served as peace officers; lots of the men have lost, in this conflict, relatives, and knowing that, are trying to preserve the internal security of Texas or the nation, they know better than most that they may be next on the receiving end, and they are ready and willing.

"The captain suggests," he told the sailor, "that you read what's been going on in the world and then let him know if you want to be rescued."

A shipwrecked sailor who had been marooned for four years on a desert island, was overjoyed one day to see a ship drop anchor in the bay. A small boat came ashore and an officer handed the sailor a bunch of newspapers.

Sgt. Wild, Soldier Of Fortune, made 'Ray' Machine Gun



One of the most valuable training aids the 13th Battalion has was devised by Sgt. Albert Wild, shown above. It is an electric machine gun that shoots a ray instead of bullets. The gun, of course, saves ammunition and can be used at night. Wherever the ray of light hits a man he could be hit by a bullet from a real gun, and Wild's invention does a great deal to improve marksmanship with the machine gun.

The machine is operated by a crank or by a single slash by pressure on a button, and the light and noise making apparatus and the spring are synchronized. The Sergeant soon will do away with the crank, for he is working on a motor and transformer that will make it electrically operated.

Sergeant Wild might well be called Laredo's Soldier of Fortune. He has fought in four wars and wandered over a greater part of the

globe. It was natural when this war started that he got into some sort of military organization. It was fortunate for the 13th that he chose that battalion of the Guard and gives it the benefit of his military and inventive experience.

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Murray B. Farrell, now major infantry, TSG, was transferred and promoted to the grade of captain infantry when he became the Professor of Military Science and Tactics of Martin High School, Laredo, Texas, upon establishment of the 55c event at that school.

Major Farrell was one of the first men to enlist in San Antonio "Home" Guard, organized by Col. H. L. Landers, U. S. Army Retired, about four years ago, the military interest coming from previous ROTC training lasting about three years.

When the staff of Texas Defense Guard was organized Farrell was appointed second lieutenant, infantry, and later to first lieutenant, infantry, before he enlisted into infantry of the United States as an officer candidate. After passing all requirements during training it was found that his physical condition would not permit his remaining in service, and upon finding this out, he re-enlisted in the 36th Battalion, TSG, immediately and was reappointed first lieutenant, infantry, on July 3, 1943.

Major Farrell was ordered to duty with the Adjutant General's Department as first lieutenant, ADG, and took over the task of establishing the Training Film Library and was the organizer of the present system of film transportation.

Upon receiving appointment by the Eighth Service Command, Army Specialized Training Division, as P.M.S.&T., Farrell was promoted to the grade of captain, and, in addition to duties as P.M.S.&T., was transferred later to the 13th Battalion, TSG, as battalion executive officer.

Farrell was promoted to major by virtue of the new T.O. and is working hard to promote a good spirit of cooperation between the Texas State Guard and the Martin High Corps of Cadets.

Sarge Gripped By GI Shoes So He Turned Barefoot

Washington.—A sergeant in the Marine Corps makes John Greenleaf Whittier's hero look like a shoe tree. This barefoot sergeant with a cheek of tan hails from Alabama, where, he says, he never wore shoes until he was of voting age—and then never really liked them.

They were on New Britain, this sergeant's outfit, marching along on the coral and thorn covered mountains. He kept complaining about his feet until the lieutenant asked him what was wrong.

"It's these factory-made, store-bought, quarter-issued shoes. They're killing my feet. If I could only take them off, 'd be all right." So the sergeant took off his shoes, outmarched his outfit for the rest of the 200-mile patrol, and then when they got back to camp, picked up a football and booted it for 75



Maj. Murray B. Farrell, executive officer of 13th Battalion, Laredo.

yards, just to prove his feet were in good shape.

"It's this way," he explained. "I never wore shoes until I was 21. Never did get used to them. The good Lord meant for folks to walk on their feet, not imprison them in shoes."

To kiss a miss is awfully simple,
To miss a kiss is simply awful;
Kisses spread disease, it's been stated,

"She is like a beautiful photograph in that bathing suit!"
"Yeah! Undeveloped and over-stuffed."

Laredo Guard And R. O. T. C. Work Together

Demonstrating an outstanding spirit of patriotism and loyalty, 45 boys of the Martin High School 55-C Unit (Cadet Corps) enlisted in the 13th Battalion of the Texas State Guard at Laredo and formed a platoon of Company A. The National Defense Act 55-C Unit and the State Guard have been working hand in hand ever since the 55-C Unit was organized in September, 1944.

The school program and the extracurricular activities of many of the cadets prevented their enlistment in the Guard. However, the entire unit and the personnel of the 13th Battalion cooperate to the fullest extent.

This effective cooperation has been brought about through the efforts of W. P. Galligan, superintendent of city schools and first lieutenant in the Texas State Guard, and Murray B. Farrell, major, infantry, Texas, professor of military science and tactics at Martin High School. Major Farrell is also executive officer of the 13th Battalion, TSG, at Laredo.

Both organizations now use the same headquarters, which are located on the school grounds. The 30 cadets who joined the TSG attend drill practice every Monday night with the 13th Battalion, as it is the regular drill night. They use the same equipment as older members of the guard.

The two organizations will use the armory which is now under construction near their headquarters. ROTC boys who are members of the Texas State Guard battalion

have turned out for many of the target practices and PRI work. Several invitations have been made to cadets of the corps to attend target practice, although they are not members of the guard. This is one of the ways in which the State Guard has shown its willingness to help in the advancement of the cadets in their military training.

The two military organizations will use the indoor rifle range which is being constructed on the school grounds. Many members of the ROTC have participated in the maneuvers of the State Guard. Training films shown to the personnel of the guard may be seen by the members of the Cadet Corps. In this way additional information is obtained which has been very beneficial to the cadets.

These are some of the ways in which the Martin High School Cadet Corps and the Texas State Guard cooperate. As one of the boys put it, "The State Guard helps me tremendously with the work I do in military training period. I receive instruction which facilitates the handling and firing of rifles. It is not only helping me, but I am confident that the training I receive, because of the cooperation which exists between the two units, will come in handy when I am a member of one of Uncle Sam's fighting units."

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William P. Galligan, graduate of the School of Law, University of Arkansas, and of St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, for the past 17 years city superintendent of schools of Laredo, Texas, has been appointed to the grade of first lieutenant infantry, Texas, and will carry on as assistant O. and T. officer of the 13th Battalion.

Lieutenant Galligan served with the 19th U. S. Infantry in the last World War and is back in the cloth again after a lapse of a quarter of a century, and say, he's very happy about the whole thing.

Lieutenant Galligan and the Laredo school board have made it possible for the 13th Battalion to be able to use the facilities of the new Headquarters office, armory, and 1000-inch small arms rifle range now under construction at the Martin High School of Laredo. This move makes it possible for the 13th Battalion to be near its drill field, which is adjacent to the high school, and for the first time to have proper facilities for armory, headquarters and rifle work.

The entire 13th Battalion expressed gratitude to Lieutenant Galligan and the school trustees of the Laredo Independent School District for their splendid cooperation.

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Laredo Guard Battalion Has Sent Many Men To Service

Laredo's 13th Battalion has sent many men to the armed forces, men who have been made into crack soldiers in a short time because of their previous military training with the Texas State Guard. Here is a partial list of the 13th Battalion men serving Uncle Sam in the armed forces.

Flight Officer Javier Cadena, formerly private first class in Co. B, 13th Bn. In Air Force about 18 months.

Thomas Hernandez, first sergeant Co. C, 13th Bn., joined Navy. First day in San Diego was put to drilling 75 men due to Texas Guard training.

John Hale, private first class Co. C, 13th Bn., in Navy.

Eduardo R. Romo, second lieutenant Co. A, 13th Bn., now at Shepard Field, Texas.

Arch Gilliam, corporal Co. D, Mirando City, now corporal; served in England and North Africa for 2 years; in U. S. now.

Lex Welch, private first class Co. D, Mirando, 2 years in Puerto Rico (U. S. Army); now in U. S.

Cpl. Hector Molina was killed D-Day plus two, in Normandy; purple heart.

Julius V. Joseph, captain Co. A, 13th Bn.; is now Med. Det., Camp Berkley, Texas.

"Tino" Pappas was private first class in Guard, Co. A, 13th Bn., then first lieutenant. Is private in artillery in Army.

Chas. Kazen, first lieutenant in charge Headquarters Detachment, 13th Bn., TSG, went to Army when Rome was captured.

Emilio Dodier, corporal 13th Bn., is now first lieutenant infantry, Army.

John E. Biggio, first lieutenant Co. D, 13th Bn., now is in Navy.

Ted R. Delapass, first lieutenant 13th Bn., is now private first class Laredo Army Air Field.

Alfred R. Sanchez, former guardsman, killed in action off coast of Palermo, USN.

Sgt. Joe Hoedorf, formerly with 13th Bn., now home on furlough.

Marine Cpl. Judson B. Twiss, who enlisted in the Marine Corps in January, 1942, in Houston, recently named Judge Advocate of the New River Detachment Marine Corps League at the annual election of officers at the Jacksonville, Fla., USO Club.

Pvt. Raymundo Rendon graduated recently from the Air Mechanic school at Rosecrans Field, a base of the Ferrying Division Air Transport Command.

Sgt. Francisco Puente is a welder with an Eighth Air Force Service Command sub depot that repairs B-17 Flying Fortresses that are stationed in England.

Sgt. Stephen L. Hourigan is a teletype mechanic and operator in a B-24 Liberator bomber group which recently celebrated completion of one year in Italy.

S/Sgt. Ruben Castro recently enjoyed a "recess" from aerial warfare at an Air Service Command Rest Center somewhere in England, and is now back in the fight.

Pfc. Manuel Sifuentes was awarded a Bronze Star medal for action in the Southwest Pacific theater.

Richard K. Heacock, Jr., H.A. 2/c USN, is now serving with medical unit of Navy in the Pacific theater.

T/Sgt. William W. Allen recently was awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial flight.

The promotion of Pfc. Guadalupe Puente to the grade of corporal has been announced by the commanding

officer of the "Thunder Dragons" group of the 14th Air Force in China.

Pvt. Simon Riojas, USMC, has been graduated from the Infantry and Browning Automatic Rifle Section School at Training Command in Camp Pendleton, California.

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Volunteered 1-30-41.	
Randa, Domingo	Pvt.
S. S. 12-1-42.	
Barrera, Tiofila	Pvt.
S. S. 4-5-41.	
*Cantu, Josie Maria	Pfc.
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*Coble, Kenneth	Pvt.
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(Called from Res. 6-25-43.)	
Garcia, Daniel (38,248,806)	Pvt.
S. S. 4-9-42.	
Garcia, Isidro	S. S.
*Gilliam, Archie Lee	Cpl.
(38,033,461), S. S. 7-11-41.	
2½ years England-N. Africa.	
Now overseas.	
Shipton, Tim	Pvt.
Vol. Capt. Ord.	
Tom, W. R., Jr. (38,248,743)	Pfc.
S. S. 4-9-42.	
Vasquez, Rinaldo	Pvt.
Volunteered.	
*Welch, Lex O.	Pvt.
Vol. (2 years Puerto Rico).	
Williams, Clyde	Pvt.
S. S.	

	Rank in Co. D
Holstein, Lester	Pvt.
S. S. 1-15-41.	
Hughes, L. V.	Pvt.
S. S. 5-5-41.	
Jones, Kenneth	Pvt.
S. S., Navy.	
*Joyce, Joseph Allen	Pvt.
S. S.	
Langston, Pete	Pvt.
S. S.	
*Long, Cleburn F.	Pvt.
S. S. 1-15-41.	
*Lowe, Oscar Earl	2nd Lt.
A. R. C.	
Martinez, Francisco B.	Pvt.
S. S.	
Milam, "Skid"	Pvt.
S. S.	
*Molina, Hector	Sgt.
Volunteered 1-30-41.	
Killed in France 6-18-44.	
Montalvo, E.	Pvt.
S. S.	
*Pilcher, J. D.	Sgt.
Vol. (Lt. Instr. Meth.—Midland).	
*Rodriguez, Carlos (38364563)	Pfc.
S. S. 1-4-43.	
Rose, James	Pvt.
S. S.	
*Ross, Wm. Duane	Sgt.
Navy Res.	
San Miguel, Delphino	Pvt.
S. S. 4-9-42.	
*Shipton, Tim	Pvt.
Vol. Capt. Ord.	
Staggs, Louis M.	Sgt.
S. S.	

* Now overseas.

Forty-one of Prov. and Recognized Co. D in armed forces. Forty enlisted men and officers entitled to one-year service ribbon. Several upon moving to Laredo re-enlisted: Juan Rodriguez, A. L. Broussard and Roberto S. Sanchez.

GI (in PX): "Will you cash a check for me?"
Clerk: "No, sir. I wouldn't cash a check for my brother."
GI: "Well of course you know your brother better than I do."

Washington Celebration Held By Laredo

Laredo is the home of one of the best known celebrations of the birthday of George Washington, the Father of Our Country.

Every year since 1897 Laredo has held a Washington Birthday celebration that is famed throughout two nations—the United States and Mexico.

On that day citizens from all over the two republics gather at Laredo for festivities that have become a great tradition along the border.

The fame of the celebration has reached all over the world. A few years ago Reader's Digest magazine carried an article by Michael Scully that told of the original celebration.

Here is how the celebration began:

Founded Lodge

Early in 1897 Charles M. Barnes, a veteran newspaper man of San Antonio, and at that time District Deputy Great Sachem of the Great Council of Texas of the Improved Order of Red Men, came to Laredo to organize a lodge of this old and patriotic order. The charter was issued to the Laredo lodge on May 29, 1897, and designated the local chapter as Yaqui Tribe No. 59 (now No. 4). The motto of the order is "Freedom, Friendship, and Charity," and patriotism is the keynote of the work.

The local lodge grew from a small beginning, and soon numbered among its members the most prominent men of Laredo of both American and Mexican ancestry, "all loyal American citizens." Mr. A. C. Hamilton, then district attorney, was elected its first Sachem.

At the time of the organization of Yaqui Tribe No. 59, the population of Laredo was composed of about 80 per cent of Mexican extraction and 20 per cent of American ancestry. American holidays were scarcely observed, the main celebrations being the "Cinco de Mayo" in commemoration of the great Mexican victory over the French invader, and the "16 de Septiembre" in honor of the declaration of independence by Mexico from old Spain.

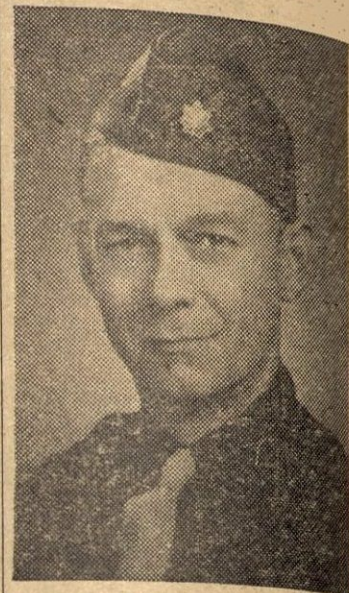
The Idea Was Born

Near the close of the year 1897 this patriotic body of Yaqui Tribe No. 59 conceived the idea of fittingly celebrating a purely American holiday. A committee was named to select a day of celebration. In discussing the plan, and going back over the history of the organization of the original lodge of Red Men, they found that when the Minute Men disguised themselves as Indians and held their meetings secretly in the forests to formulate plans to free the early American colonies from English domination, George Washington was elected as Sachem.

The committee reported back to the lodge that February 22, the birthday of Washington, the Father of our Country, was most fitting. The report of the committee was unanimously accepted, and it was determined to hold a celebration that would be worthy of their noble brother.

Those early members of Yaqui Tribe No. 59 little realized the far-reaching effect of this brave beginning; yet there are still among Laredoans many who were present at that memorable meeting 41 years ago who can with justifiable pride look back on that early start to kindle the fires of patriotism in the hearts of a border city.

Laredo C. O. Has Wide Experience In Military Work



LT. COL. PETTY

Lt. Col. Wm. A. Petty, commanding officer of the 13th Battalion, Texas State Guard, at Laredo, was born January 3, 1898, in Kansas City, Kansas, the son of a traveling man, and has lived in every state in the union, and completed his formal education in Chicago.

During the time Pancho Villa ran rampant on the Mexican border he, as a member of an Illinois National Guard company, was stationed at Progresso, Texas, and later at Douglas, Arizona. In World War I he entered the armed service of the United States and was assigned to the Second Division. Subsequently he served with other infantry and cavalry outfits.

In 1925 he left the army service and accepted a position as quartermaster at one of the larger military schools, and later as professor of Military science and Tactics.

In 1930 he came back to the Mexican border in the United States customs service and was assigned to the Rio Grande Valley and two years later he was reassigned to Laredo as chief inspector of Laredo and the 23rd customs district.

When the present war broke out he organized the first Guard company in Laredo. He later enlarged it to a battalion comprised of three companies and the headquarters in Laredo and Company D at Hebbronville.

Two Yank soldiers sleeping in Italy were awakened by a crash. "What was that?" asked one. "Bombs or thunder?" "Bombs." "Thank heaven," said the first. "I was afraid we were going to have more rain."

It's not what my girl friend knows that bothers me, says Private Perennial, but how she learned it.

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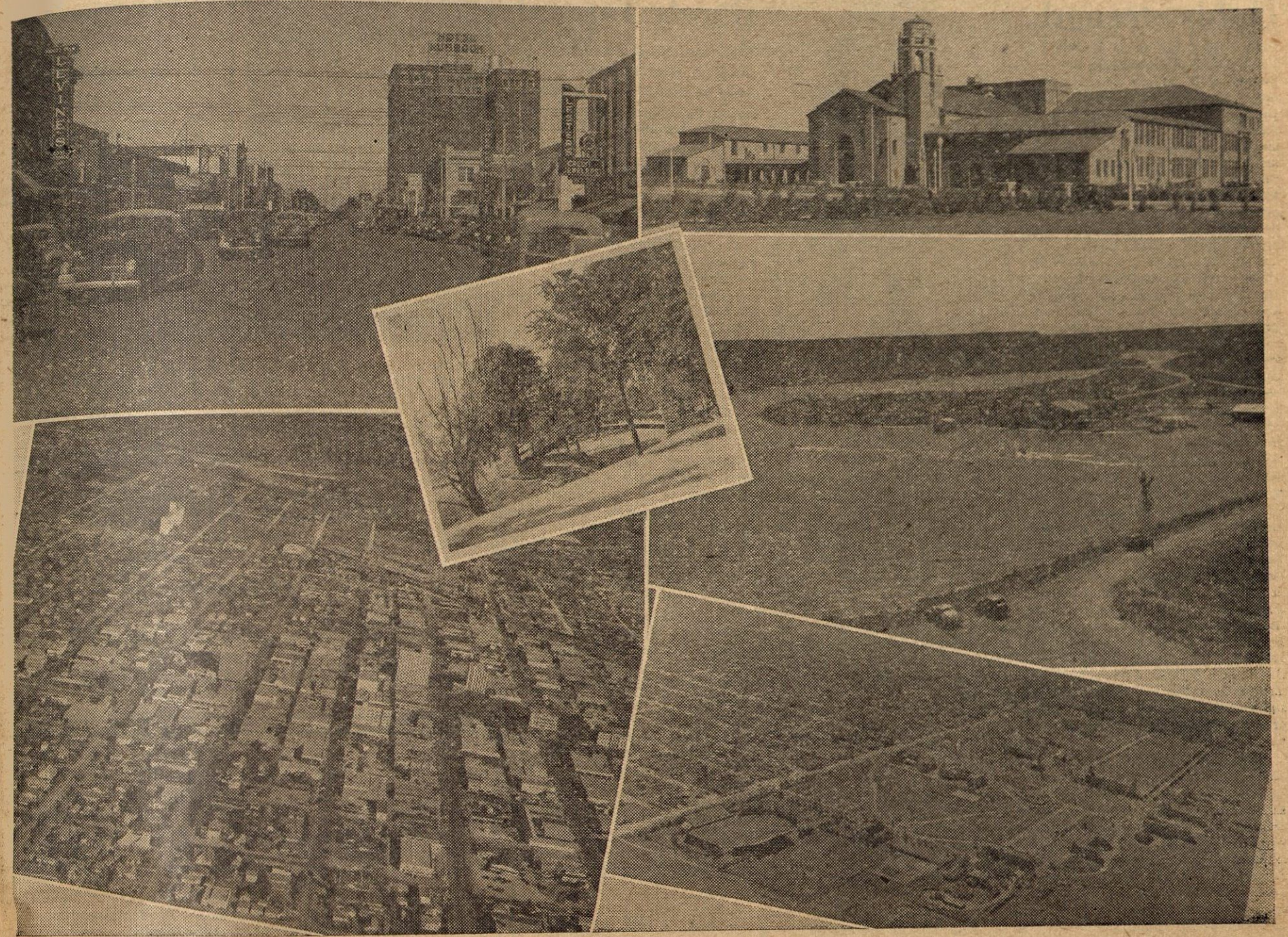
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Lubbock Is "Hub of The South Plains"



Top left: Street scene at Lubbock, looking west on Broadway, 100-foot thoroughfare leading through the business district and to Texas Tech College at the western end. Picture was made at the intersection of Texas Avenue and Broadway.

Top right: The \$650,000 high school at Lubbock, Texas. The city also had 13 brick school buildings for the junior high and high grade schools. Two more grade schools are under construction. Lubbock is also the home of Texas Technological College, which opened in 1925 and now is the third largest college in the state.

Inset in center: Scene in Mackenzie State Park, 547-acre playground owned by the state, but maintained and operated by the City of Lubbock. It adjoins the city limits on the northeast and includes swimming pool, dance pavilion and other recreational features.

Lower left: Aerial view shows portion of Lubbock downtown business section and immediate residential environs. Streets shown are north-south avenues, looking to the north.

Center right: Scene at Buffalo Lakes, private project about 12 miles southeast of Lubbock, where boating, fishing, horseback riding and camping are available. The project is in the Yellowhouse Canyon.

Lower right: Plant of the Texas Technological College, in western edge of Lubbock, located on a tract of more than 1,900 acres of land which lies to the west and north (right and bottom of picture); where various agricultural and livestock experimental projects are conducted.

Lubbock, center of a vast territory on the Plains of Texas, is widely known by the slogan of "Hub of the South Plains" because transportation and trade arteries radiate from the thriving young city in all directions like spokes in a wheel. It is the geographical, trading, financial, industrial, commercial and educational center of a large area.

The following facts in brief serve to point up reasons for this:

General Business: The city and territory have appeared in white on the map of the nation's business more during the past several years than any other area. Latest reports by the Census Bureau show the city to have a per capita retail sales of \$662.70, as compared with a national average of \$319.16, and for Texas as a whole \$281.18.

Latest survey shows Lubbock has 577 retail stores, 114 wholesale distributors and jobbers, 55 manufacturing plants, and 257 service businesses. These 1,003 businesses employ approximately 4,300 people with an annual payroll of \$4,033,186. Total 1942 retail sales were \$26,779,000. Later figures, which probably would be much higher, are not available. Wholesale distribution passed \$45,000,000, and value of manufactured products was \$9,022,000.

Sources of Income: Some of the highlights include: Over 3,000,000 pounds of dressed poultry annually. This is approximately 750,000 head of chickens and turkeys; approximately 4,633,042 pounds of eggs are handled each year by produce houses from the area.

Lubbock is the largest butter manufacturing center in Texas, which in turn ranks fifteenth in the nation. Plants here manufacture approximately 8,150,000 pounds of butter annually. Five cheese plants in the immediate vicinity use over 100,000 pounds of milk daily, making over 11,000 pounds of cheese daily—an annual output of well over 3,000,000 pounds, which is approximately 20 per cent of the total cheese manufactured in Texas, and Texas ranks tenth in cheese production in the nation.

Lubbock, the third largest inland cotton market in the world, is concentration point for all South Plains cotton, where an average of around 500,000 bales are ginned annually. Other crops, including grain sorghums, sudan, corn, wheat, dairy and poultry products, bring the annual farm income of the South Plains fifteen counties to \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000 annually.

Oil also plays a major role, with close to 4,000 producing wells in several fields in the area.

Population: Official census figures tell a remarkable story for the city and territory. The 1910 Federal census showed 1,938 residents here, and 29,392 on the South Plains. The figures in 1920 were 4,051 for the city and 56,974 for the 15 counties. In 1930, the figures were 20,520 and 162,606, and in 1940 the city proper showed 31,853 and more than 39,000 for greater Lubbock, with 190,674 in the 15 counties. Today the population is 44,839, based on the No. 4 ration book issued and confirmed further by public service company directories and utility meter installations. Of this present population, 90.7 per cent in the City of Lubbock is white (Caucasian), and for the South Plains 97.1 per cent is white.

Residence Building: In the six years prior to the war pinch on materials a total of 3,365 new residences were built in the city at a cost shown by building permits as \$9,244,197. Following is number of new residences and cost, by years: 1942, 278 cost \$881,925; 1941, 616 cost \$1,782,506; 1940, 713 cost \$1,925,000; 1939, 649 cost \$1,978,000; 1938, 786 cost \$1,855,000; 1937, 323 cost \$821,746.

Tax Rate: Lubbock has the lowest tax rate of any city in Texas with over 20,000 population. Total tax rate is \$2.82, divided as follows: City 85 cents, school \$1, state and county 97 cents.

Despite this, the city owns its electric power plant, and water and sewer system, with a total value of \$2,952,223. The system and plant pay a nice profit on the investment, even with the lowest utility rates of any town in Texas with a population of 1,000 or over. In addition, service is also available from the Southwestern Public Service Company, which serves many outlets here, and also serves 58 towns in and adjacent to the South Plains. Natural gas for domestic, commercial and industrial purposes is furnished from the inexhaustible Panhandle fields, and competitive rates are offered.

Churches and Recreation: Lubbock has 51 church organizations, most of which are housed in large, beautiful buildings. Nearly every denomination is represented. The city has eight municipal parks, embracing 116 acres, and in addition maintains and operates Mackenzie State Park, consisting of 547 acres adjoining the city. All are equipped with playground, picnicking, swimming and other recreational facilities. Two country clubs and one privately operated golf course are operated the year round.

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Pvt.: "What's the matter—couldn't you find it?"

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Guard Unit At Levelland Holds Strength

By FIRST LT. O. H. HARRIS

When the state defense act was passed, civic, county and city officials of Levelland and Hockley County formed a committee to organize a guard company for Levelland and Hockley County. The committee members were J. A. Ellis, county judge; Ray Ross, mayor of Levelland; Charles Duval, president of Rotary Club; T. O. Petty, president Lions Club, and Z. O. Lincoln, commander American Legion.

The first officers appointed by this committee were James W. Denton, captain; Robert H. Hester, first lieutenant; Forrest Weimhold, second lieutenant, and H. B. Johnson, first sergeant. These officers secured state recognition of a guard unit for Hockley County, and to them is due credit for having obtained a substantial county and city appropriation for this unit which has continued.

This was the order of events from May, 1941, to March, 1942: On March 13, 1942, Company D was officially inducted into the Texas Defense Guard. The first appointed officers were James W. Denton, captain; R. H. (Dick) Godfrey, first lieutenant; William R. Sewell, second lieutenant, and H. B. Johnson, first sergeant. Lt. Robert H. Hester resigned to attend to varied business interests as president of the First National Bank of Levelland, and Lt. Forrest Weimhold resigned to attend to business previous to his induction into the army. He is now serving in the Burma theater.

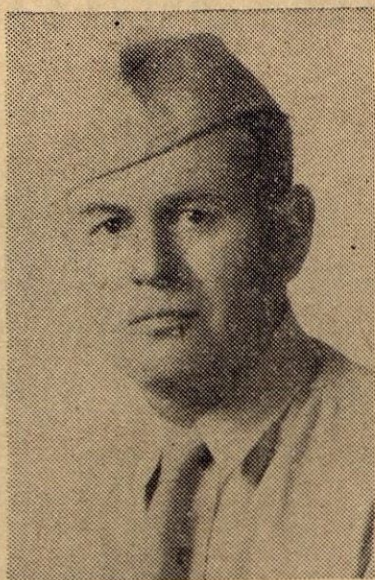
In July, 1942, Captain Denton and Lieutenant Godfrey were accepted as candidates in Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., Lt. Wm. R. Sewell was then appointed captain; Sgt. John V. Morton, first lieutenant; Olen H. Harris, second lieutenant, and Sgt. L. C. Hill was appointed first sergeant, Sergeant Johnson having obtained a leave of absence. These appointments were approved August 6, 1942.

In December, 1942, Captain Sewell moved to Slaton and Lieutenant Morton was appointed captain; Lieutenant Harris, first lieutenant, and Sergeant Johnson, second lieutenant. They are the present officers of Company D, with C. M. Webb as first sergeant.

Levelland is located on the north-eastern edge of the vast Hockley-Cochran oil field. Situated near Levelland is the oil refinery of the Motoe Fuels Corporation that manufactures petroleum products vital to the war effort.

Company D has been mobilized for emergency twice within the past year, once when approximately 1000 Mexicans staged a near riot in the city of Levelland and once when there was an attempted shutdown of drilling operations of the Hockley-Cochran oil field. Approximately 60 members of Company D have been inducted into the armed

Champ Recruiter



During the state-wide recruiting campaign of last year, M/Sgt. Philip E. Champion of the Headquarters Detachment was the "champ" recruiter of the 13th Battalion, Texas State Guard, at Laredo. He was solely responsible for the enlistment of 14 new Texas State Guardsmen. M/Sgt. Champion is very active in the Headquarters Detachment, and, being an employee of the Central Power & Light Company, took training afforded by that organization in first aid and auxiliary police. An expert on electric meters, S/Sgt. Champion is also a telegrapher and radio expert, formerly operating his own amateur station.

forces and all are high in their praise of training received while in the guard.

At present Company D is training a "Victory Corps" consisting of high school students 16 to 18 years of age who will receive a credit for having taken military training.

This company has an excellent armory, having been granted permission to use the high school gymnasium, and have converted the large stage into an armory and orderly rooms. At present Company D is full strength with some on the supernumerary list.

Oil Potential Of Plains Area Barely Tapped

Oil resources of the South Plains, estimated after a survey to be in excess of 3,500,000 barrels daily potential, have barely been scratched.

At the beginning of 1944, daily average production of the district within a 75-mile radius of Lubbock, was 116,942 barrels, as compared with 47,600 a year previously. Nine counties of the 15-county area are producing oil, with bulk of production coming from five of these—Hockley, Cochran, Yoakum, Gaines and Andrews. Some production is in Lubbock, Garza, Terry and Dawson counties.

Early in 1944, there were 3746 wells in the region, and these were steadily added to during the year. There are five primary fields. Proven reserves at that time approximated 1,125,362,000 barrels. To this, an approximate 98,000,000 has been added to date this year.

Total 1943 production was 29,961,119 barrels, bringing the cumulative total in the area to 104,531,222 since commercial production started.

From 1944 exploration, 14,610 new productive acres were added. The Slaughter Field, in Hockley, Cochran and Terry counties, has been enlarged 8,000 acres this year to date; the Wasson pool in Yoakum and Gaines counties was increased 2,000 acres, and the Fullerton field in northeast Andrews was enlarged by 3,000 acres.

Most of the production now is coming from the San Andres section of the Permian, found between 4,900 and 5,500 feet. In a number of places, the Clear Fork, Holt and Tubbs zones of the Permian, between 5,500 and 8,000 feet, have been found to carry oil in commercial quantities.

Guard Secretary



Maybe this is one of the reasons why the 13th Bn. of the Texas State Guard holds the interest of the men. She's Anita Lopez and she is secretary to Lt. Col. W. A. Petty, commanding officer.

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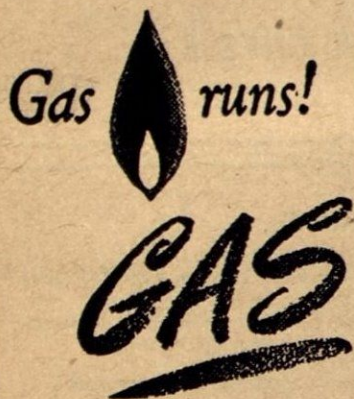
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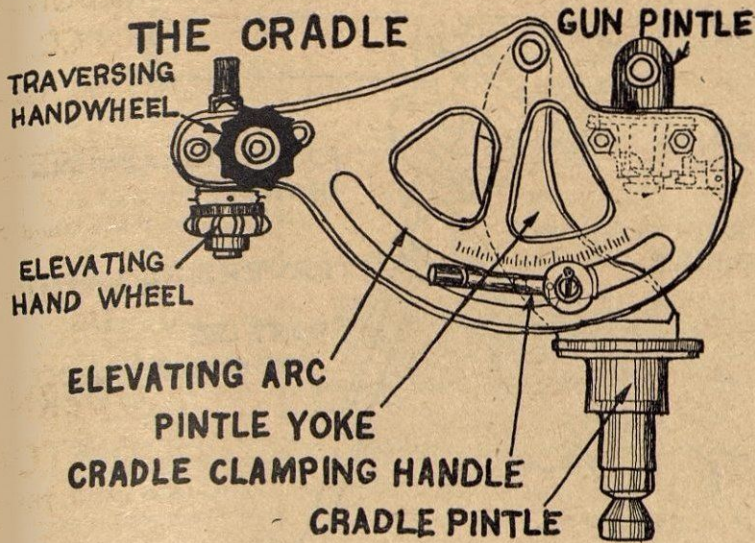
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formly or sloping ground the danger space is continuous for 750 yards. The gun is fired usually in a burst of 6 to 20 rounds.

trigger pin and withdrawing the frame; (6) withdraw barrel and barrel extension group to the rear; (7) Remove cover bolt nut and cotter pin,



VI. Training.

The training for machine gun units can be divided into three general classes: (1) Mechanical, (2) Gun Drill, and (3) Tactical Employment. Under the mechanical, the man becomes familiar with the nomenclature, mechanical functioning, disassembling, and with the assembling of the gun.

VII. Field Stripping.

(1) Pull back the bolt handle and turn the driving spring rod a quarter turn clockwise; (2) Remove the back plate group; (3) Remove bolt handle; (4) Remove bolt group; (5) Remove lock frame assembly by depressing

cover bolt, cover catch spring and movable plate; (8) Remove the sight group and cover assembly, leaving only the water jacket and receiver. To assemble go in reverse order.

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LESSON No. 18—BROWNING MACHINE GUN CAL. .30 M1917 A1

BROWNING MACHINE GUN CALIBER .30 M1917 A1

I. General.

Now that machine guns have become a part of the equipment for the State Guard, let us consider the weapon and its history briefly. The first use of the machine principle recorded is that of an Italian, who in 1467 mounted gun barrels in a row and set off charges by a powder train. This was about 400 years before Dr. Gatling, in 1862, invented his "Gatling Gun"—a cylinder containing a number of barrels with a crank to operate the firing. Twenty-one years later, Mr. Hiram Maxim, an American living in England, invented a single-barreled gun which made use of the recoil to operate it. With improvements this gun is still used by some foreign armies. A few years later, in 1889, Mr. John B. Browning, inventor of the

automatic rifle and other weapons, brought out a weapon which used a part of the powder gases, instead of the recoil, to cause rapid firing. However, in 1917, Mr. Browning had gone back to the recoil principle of Mr. Maxim.

The machine gun is manufactured in as many as twenty different models; calibers .22 (trainer), .30 and .50, mountings bipod, tripod, fixed and flexible, barrels light and heavy, and the cooling systems are: water or air cooled. The working parts of all models have basically the same mechanical functioning.

The machine gun issued to the State Guard is the Browning Caliber .30 M1917A1 machine gun. In addition to the machine gun and tripod, there is

Legion—

Continued from Page 3)

ever again believe that we are through with war. That sort of thinking made us susceptible to attack.

The American people want peace. They want security. They are willing to pay the price even if it means a constant large scale program of military training. The program which we are advocating would NOT make us a militaristic nation or build any military caste system in the United States. It would have the opposite effect.

Each of us in the American Legion knows that a year of training for a young man before war is little enough. We hope to see the training given close to home, in the schools and vocational training shops of the various states.

We believe the program which is originating in Texas will spread to the other states and have its influence when Congress passes legislation for postwar military training. Our hopes are that the Nation as a

whole will be united behind it..

Brig. Gen.
Arthur B. Knickerbocker,
Adjutant General, Texas.

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In these trying times, we are mindful of the importance and

value of such a courageous organization which gives so freely of its time; and, of the further fact that the members who so unselfishly are performing their duties without remuneration and for love of their community, state, and nation.

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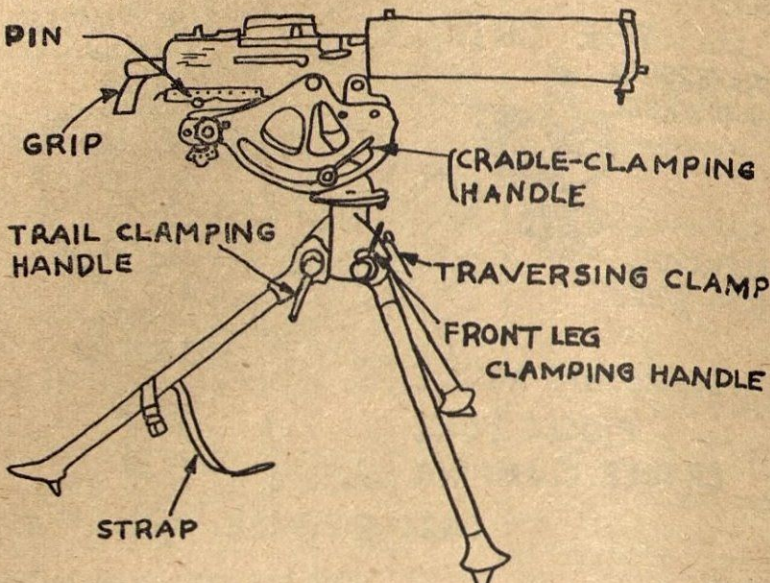
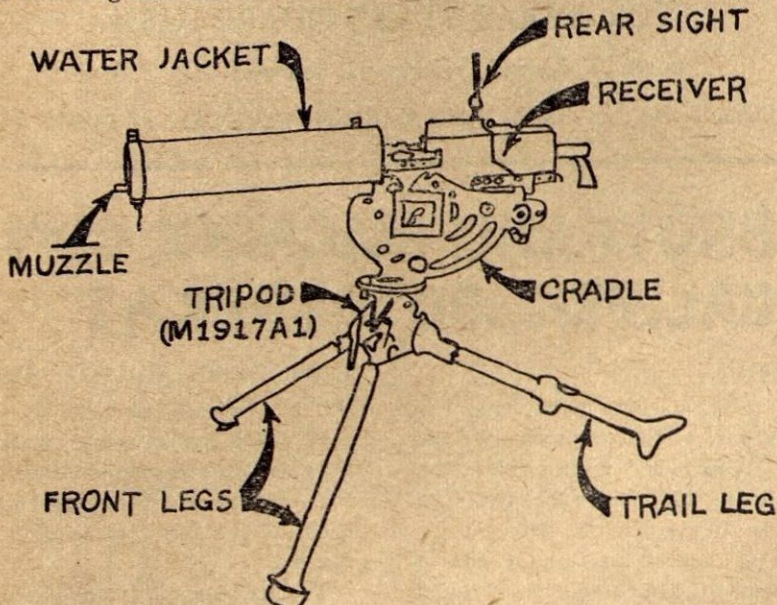
II. Principle Of Operation.

The Browning Machine Gun Caliber

unlocking the breech, extracting and ejecting the empty case, feeding in the new round, and cocking, locking, and firing the mechanism.

the muzzle of the gun is elevated or depressed, gravity causes the outer tube to mask the lower hole and prevent the escape of water. The upper hole, which

Rate of fire (shots per minute), 400-525.
Muzzle velocity (approximate), 2,700 feet per second.



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.30 M1917, is recoil-operated, belt-fed, and water cooled. In recoil operation the rearward force of the expanding powder gas (kick) furnishes the operating energy. The moving parts, while locked together at the moment of the explosion, are left free within the receiver to be forced to the rear by the recoil. This movement is controlled by means of various springs, cams, and levers and is utilized to perform the necessary mechanical operations of

III. The Cooling System.
The barrel is surrounded by a water jacket which hold about 7 pints of water. The water absorbs the heat generated in firing the gun and thus prevents the barrel from becoming overheated. The steam escape tube located in the top of the water jacket consists of two tubes, the inner and the outer. On the top of either end of the inner tube is located a hole. The outer tube, which slides freely on the inner, is of such length that it cannot cover both holes at the same time. Therefore, as

is uncovered by this movement, allows the steam generated through firing to escape through the inner tube and end cap to the condensing device, which is immersed in the water box.

- IV. General Data.
- Weight of gun and pintle, without water, 33½ pounds.
 - Weight of gun and pintle, with water, 40.75 pounds.
 - Weight of belt, empty, 7½ ounces.
 - Weight of belt, filled, 250 rounds, in chest, 20½ pounds.
 - Length of barrel, 24 inches.
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You Figure It Out We Got Jolly Mud In Our Eyes

Washington.—If you thought that was mud you saw in recent pictures of the fighting in Italy, try again. At least that is what veterans of the Burma operations have been saying there recently. So deep is the mud there that it is a sad GI indeed who does not have a tall tale or two up his mud splattered sleeves. Here is one told by a colonel who returned from there recently.

Sloughing along the Burma Road one day, an American officer noticed a cap bearing the insignia of the British army lying in the mud. He picked it up and noticed that directly beneath it there was the shining top of a bald head. After considerable digging he uncovered the features of a man, who said rather faintly:

"Thanks, ole top, would you give me a hand?"

The American dug some more, got a hold under the armpits of the English officer, and after a struggle with the mud pulled him to comparatively dry ground. The Englishman was extremely grateful.

"Thanks again, ole top," he said. "I hate to impose on you, but could you retrieve my clothes box?"

The American dug a bit more, found the box, but try as he could he couldn't drag it out of the mud.

"Oh, I say, ole top," the Englishman added helpfully, "you'll have to cut it loose from the elephant before you can lift it."

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U. S. Casualties In War

Washington, D. C.—The War Department made public these army casualties for each theatre from the start of the war through the end of October:

	Killed.	Missing.	Wounded.	Prisoners.	Total.
Asiatic	1,122	921	1,603	159	3,805
Central Pacific	2,344	622	5,273	10	8,249
European	45,316	28,500	136,642	25,277	235,735
Middle East	823	1,886	639	1,693	5,041
North Africa	25,876	5,564	79,216	13,376	124,032
North American	1,305	52	1,052		2,409
Philippines*	1,101	14,933	1,690	12,892	30,616
South Pacific	2,504	504	7,278	8	10,294
Southwest Pacific	4,420	2,029	9,661	1,065	17,175
Grand Total	84,811	55,011	243,054	54,480	437,356

*Does not include casualties from the present Philippine campaign.

Church Rites Held In German Pillbox

With the Second Armored Division in Germany.—Had the former tenants of some of the pillboxes in the Siegfried Line been able to return to them recently they would have been surprised by the activity within. Capt. W. F. Overhulser of Fort Madison, Ia., chaplain of an armored infantry unit, found the pillboxes constructed by the Jerries were good locations for services for front-line troops.

The chaplain moved from pillbox to pillbox to preach, led in the singing of hymns and in prayer, when it was impossible because of the proximity of the enemy to permit assembly of troops for religious worship.

New Equipment Aids Accuracy Of Guns

Washington.—Army Ordnance calibration teams in Italy and Germany are employing new electronic equipment to increase the accuracy and to extend the battle usefulness of American heavy artillery. The new equipment, which can be installed in a 2½-ton Army truck and transported right up to the battle-front, is capable of measuring the speed of projectiles within 1/100,000ths of a second.

It is always a difficult problem to get a projectile squarely on the

target at ranges up to 17 miles. Involved in this operation are such factors as the age of the gun, the quality of the ammunition, the curvature of the earth, and such additional factors as wind, temperature and barometric pressure. These constantly changing factors necessitate complex mathematical calculations and the use of the most modern scientific devices in order that the highest degree of firing accuracy may be obtained.

Sgt's Wife (sarcastically): "I suppose you've been to see a sick friend—holding his hand all evening?"

Sgt. (absently): "If I'd been holding his hand, I'd have made money."

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Development Of Lubbock Phenomenal

The population growth and development of Lubbock and the South Plains has been little short of phenomenal.

Once a part of the Llano Estacado (great staked plains), the territory has developed in less than a 50-year period from a wide-open country inhabited by buffalo, coyotes and other wild animals, and Indians, to one of the most productive agricultural and natural resources sources in the United States.

Its evolution reads like a story-book tale.

March of 1873 brought the first effort at opening and settling the territory. This was during the administration of Governor Davis, and last year of the 'carpet bag,' when an exploring and surveying party of about 110 men was organized at Sherman. For many years thereafter, however, only a few ranch dugouts, shacks and an occasional supply store could be found in the wide expanse.

Townsites Staked

In 1890, two townsites were staked out for Lubbock, both located about four miles northeast of the present site of the city. The following year the locations were consolidated in an agreement typical of the fully cooperative efforts that have marked the city's rapid strides.

The name "Lubbock" was adopted in honor of Lt. Tom Lubbock of Terry's Texas Rangers, who was killed at the battle of Shiloh in April, 1862, during the Civil war. Only a few score people were here then, but they were pioneers with vision, faith and determination.

A frame courthouse was built in 1891 on approximately the present site of the county's seat of government, and at about the same time a hotel and a two-cell jail were built. A saloon and a couple of barber shops opened, but closed shortly for lack of business. The courthouse was the center of practically all activities, including religious services, with usually a Methodist circuit rider and a Baptist minister preaching in turn. Before long, however, small frame churches appeared.

First School In 1892

The first school house was built in 1892—the third frame building erected in Lubbock. The usual run of early day drug stores, mercantile stores, blacksmith shops and a lively stable soon followed, and shortly a small weekly newspaper—the Lubbock Leader—which had been started in 1891, continued to extol the thriving young city's virtues. This was the forerunner of what today is the Lubbock Morning Avalanche.

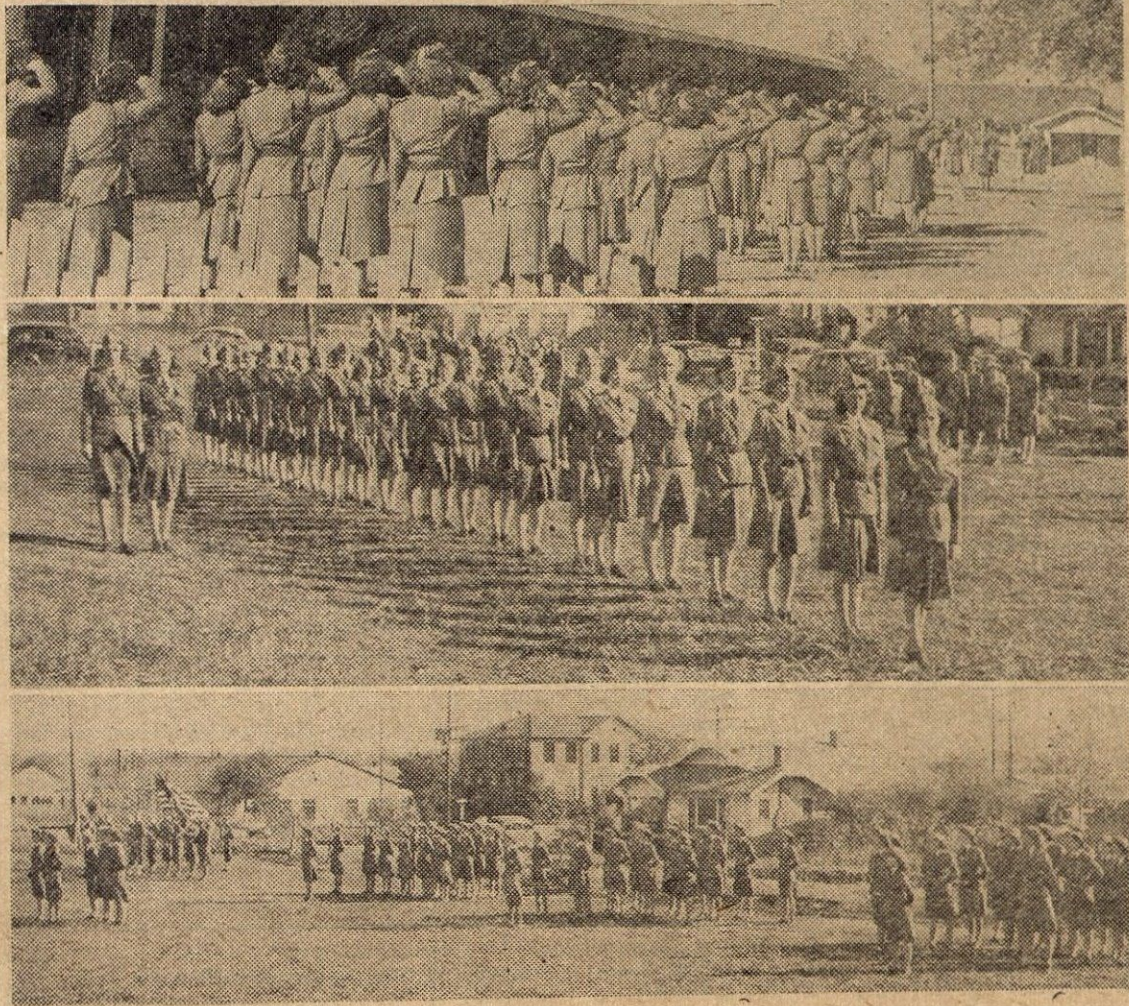
In 1894, the state passed a law allowing homesteading, and large

Texas Guardettes Observe Anniversary

Top: Flag raising ceremony at the Texas Guardette second anniversary celebration, on November 26, at Fort Worth, Texas.

Center: Members of the Guardettes immediately after having been presented with Service Stripes and Merit Badges at their second anniversary celebration.

Bottom: Texas Guardettes at Parade Rest on the occasion of their second anniversary celebration.



amounts of land in the territory sold for \$1 per acre, with 40 years in which to pay, for land that today is among the most highly prized and productive in the nation, even though today's relatively low land prices range from \$30 or less to around \$100, depending on location and proximity to a city or town.

Prior to the building of the first railroad into the territory by the Santa Fe in 1909, it was necessary that all supplies and equipment be brought in by wagon train or stage. Nearest railroad points were Colorado City and Big Spring on the south, and Amarillo on the north, 125 to 150 either way by the winding wagon trails.

On Santa Fe

Today the city is on the main line of the Santa Fe between Galveston and Houston and the Pacific Coast, with five branch lines radiating from here into the trade territory. Lubbock also is the terminus for the Fort Worth and Denver South Plains, a Burlington branch, which gives another direct outlet to the east.

This rail service today is supplemented by bus and truck lines serving the city and territory with many daily schedules over a network of hard-surfaced highways, and farm-to-market roads. One state, and eight U. S. highway outlets radiate from the city in all directions, with schedules providing for 50 passenger buses and 126 over-the-road trucks in operation over eleven regularly scheduled routes, with daily service to all points in the area and eastern New Mexico.

Modern Structures

The city and territory have developed proportionately, and today instead of the original frame courthouse, there is a relatively modern four-story stone building which soon may itself give way to one more adequate to serve steadily increasing demands of the county government. There are handsome brick or stone churches, a number of modern, well-equipped hotels,

and thirteen up-to-date brick school buildings, and the Texas Technological College, one of the South's outstanding educational institutions.

The City of Lubbock today is the wholesale center and distributing point for the entire South Plains, evidenced by more than 250 wholesale, manufacturing and jobbing concerns located here.

And with this goes the solid foundation of an agricultural development that has kept pace with urban development, despite the fact that there is yet more than 5,000,000 of the area's 8,383,000 tillable acres not yet in cultivation.

Discharge Papers Won't Tell Health

Washington.—The Army is taking action to insure that discharge certificates issued to men and women leaving the service do not mention the physical condition of the recipient, the War Department announced.

Honorable discharge certificates which do mention the physical condition or contain detrimental remarks intended to describe physical conditions have, in some cases, been erroneously issued in the past. Upon the request of the individual, together with the return of the discharge, it has been the practice of the War Department to effect cor-

rective replacement. This practice will be continued.

Similar measures have been instituted with respect to blue discharge, and a newly authorized blue certificate may be issued to replace the blue discharge upon which unauthorized entries appear.

Discharge certificates containing entries descriptive of the physical condition should, if desired by the holder, be forwarded to The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C., for appropriate replacement.

Doctor: "How did you happen to take this poison? Can't you see the sign on the bottle? It says 'Poison'."

Patient: "Yes, but I didn't believe it."

Doctor: "Why not?"

Patient: "Because right underneath was a sign that said 'Lye.'"

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Now He Wants To Get Rid Of Extra Men

"We need men and need them bad," said Capt. Frank W. Buster, commanding officer of the Service Detachment of the 41st Battalion of the TSG at Childress.

Thirty men was the required strength of the detachment and 18 men were needed.

Three weeks later Captain Buster reported to the battalion commander, Maj. Morris Higley, that he wanted to get rid of some men.

"I've got 47 now, seven of them deserve and are going to get discharged, but I still have 10 men too many," Captain Buster said. "I want to transfer the 10 extra to the other detachments."

Captain Buster reported that his successful recruiting campaign came from offering the enlisted men inducements.

"I told them that every man who brought in another man would get another stripe," he said. "It may not be the best recruiting method but it got results in a hurry and that's what I wanted."

Levelland Firm Gave Rifle Range To Guard Company

The merchants and business firms of Levelland have been most cooperative in sponsoring enlistment campaigns for Company D, having on various occasions sponsored ads in complete sections of the local paper in their behalf.

The excellent indoor firing range of Company D was constructed and donated to them by the Motor Fuels Corporation, Levelland refinery, which also donated the especially constructed, perforated sheet steel door used on the armory.

270,796 Disability Claims Allowed

Indianapolis.—The Veterans Administration has acted upon 90 per cent of the disability claims filed thus far in the present war and has allowed 270,796 claims for disability pensions.

These were the figures reported by Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, administrator of veterans affairs, to the American Legion executive committee.

Of the claims allowed, only 7 per cent were direct combat disabilities. Of the entire group, combat and non-combat, 76 per cent were rated 30 per cent or less disabled, and 7 per cent totally disabled.

Hospital facilities, said the administrator, are being steadily enlarged to eventually provide 300,000 beds, more than triple the present number.

He also reported that under the provisions of the GI Bill of Rights 24,021 applications for aid had been filed. Of these, 17,723 had been approved.

A tourist stopped his car at a country filling station and asked for some gas. To make conversation he said to the graybeard attendant:

"MacArthur is doing great work, isn't he?"

"Who is he?" was the reply.

"Why, man, don't you read the newspapers?" asked the tourist.

"No," was the response, "I don't read the papers or listen to the radio."

"In that case," said the customer, "give me four new tires and fill up the tank with high test gas."

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Lubbock Meets All Calls For Winning Of War

The City of Lubbock and immediate vicinity has quickly met every call for assistance in the war effort. Two major military establishments are located here.

The Lubbock Army Air Field, a U. S. Army Air Forces advanced flying school, located about 10 miles west of the city, began training flyers for Uncle Sam in February, 1942, and has contributed thousands of finished airmen—pilots—to the armed forces.

The South Plains Army Air Field, six miles south of the city, began operations in October, 1942. It is the nation's largest, and now the only glider pilot training base. Men from SPAAF have sparked, or participated in, practically every airborne invasion of this war.

Until military forces began to reach the saturation point, with consequent retrenchment in training programs, Lubbock was headquarters for the recruiting and induction of military personnel from an 80-county area, and Texas Tech college joined in the war program to the extent of placing its facilities at the disposal of military authorities for academic training of Army students. Two units were sponsored, one an Aircrew Detachment and the other a Specialized Training Unit. Hundreds of youth from throughout the nation were here at various times for training. The

Back on the job in the adjutant general's office with practical and common sense ideas on training for members of the Guard, newly promoted Lt. Col. Henry H. Harrison presides at a meeting of all commanding officers of Training and Research units of the Guard. The officers mapped tentative plans and discussed problems in research to be worked out by the research units at a conference held in Austin the latter part of December.

Left to right: Lt. Col. James C. Jones, G-1, AGO; Maj. John W. Kokernot, Asst. G-3; Maj. Joe M. Brown, Fourth Training and Research Unit of San Marcos Military Academy; Maj. Joseph E. Cassidy, Third Training and Research Unit, St. Edward's University; Lt. Col. James P. Gibbons, commanding Third Unit; Maj. Lawson H. Richardson, executive officer, Second Training and Research Unit of Peacock Military Academy, and Lt. Col. Donald W. Peacock, commanding Second Unit. In foreground is Lt. Col. Harrison.

Tech program was closed the past fall, and all college facilities released by military authorities.

The city and territory have gone over the top in every war financial project, and redemption of War Bonds is on a very small basis.

"Sergeant, how on earth did you come to get so completely intoxicated?" asked the CO.

"I got in bad company, sir. You see, there were four of us. I had a bottle of whiskey and the other three didn't touch the stuff."

Army Dogs Will Be Provided Good Homes

Washington.—With 300 war dogs ready to return to civilian life by the end of 1944, the War Department announces that steps were being taken to see that every veteran of the K-9 Corps would go to a proper home.

No dog will be released by the Army until it has undergone the complete "de-militarizing" process developed by the Quartermaster Corps. The dogs to be released by the end of the year are being "de-militarized" at the Quartermaster Dog Reception and Training Center, Fort Robinson, Neb.

After this processing is completed, the Army war dogs will be offered to their original owners and returned to them at no cost, if they want them back. If not, the dogs will be disposed of by the Treasury Department to satisfy applicants at minimum cost.

South Plains Area Is Made Up Of Fifteen Counties

The South Plains area of Texas is often mentioned and written about, but seldom ever definitely defined. The designation "South Plains" today is recognized by the weather bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, for forecast purposes.

The South Plains is composed of fifteen counties centering around Lubbock, and although in its infancy from the standpoint of development, is recognized as one of the most fertile and most highly productive areas of the nation.

The counties are Borden, Dawson, Gaines, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Crosby, Lubbock, Hockley, Cochran, Bailey, Lamb, Hale and Floyd.

Solon Asks Trip Home For Overseas Vets

Washington.—Connecticut's old 208th Anti-Aircraft Battery, which went overseas in February, 1942, has been called by Rep. Compton, R., Conn., the "victim, not the beneficiary, of the so-called rotation system."

Compton made his plea for a re-warding of "these valiant heroes" with a trip home before the House of Representatives.

He said he had talked with officers lately returned from the same area in the South Pacific and reported that neither "they nor I can understand the reluctance of the South Pacific commander to permit the men a trip home."

GI (in Alexandria restaurant): "I can't find any ham in this sandwich."

Waiter: "Just take another bite."

GI (after taking a huge bite): "Nope, no ham."

Waiter: "You must have gone right past it."

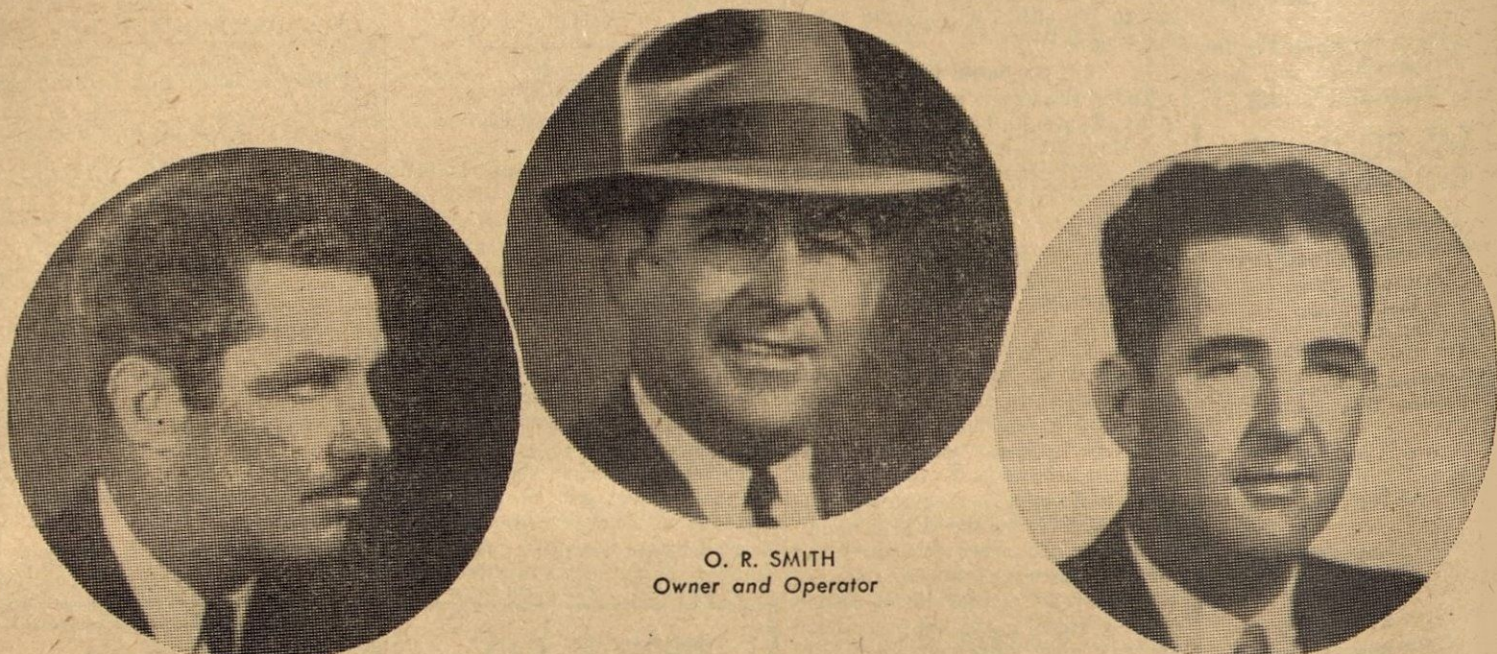
It is reported that the people of a town in Scotland recently petitioned to have their street car fares raised so they could save more money walking.

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Program Of Sports Begun By 50th Bn.

By SGT. J. T. STARKES
Company D, 50th Battalion started off the month of December with very good attendance. On the first Monday night there were 52 present, and the second Monday night, 42. The 52 is the largest number to be present at drill for several months.
Average attendance for November for five drill nights was 45. The largest number present for any one drill was 49. Promotions made during November were:
Sergeant Kennington, from T/5 to sergeant; Corporal Kressenburg, from private to corporal; and Pfc. Henley, from private to private first class. One new recruit was enlisted, Private Duke.
Company D has lost three members during the first two weeks of December. They are: Sergeant Turner with 2½ years service, to Seabees; Private Banks, 1½ years service, to Navy; and Private Gilmore, moved to California. Staff Sergeant Keasler was called to the armed forces, but did not pass.

Sports Activities
Company D is organizing a basketball team, and is ready to meet all comers. Corporal Tanner is acting as captain of the team, and has developed a fast quintet on the court.

During November a special collection of \$10 was taken up by passing the hat among members, and turned over to the Salvation Army. On the first drill night of December, \$12.50 was collected and turned over to the American Legion for Christmas presents for wounded soldiers at nearby hospitals.

At the end of December five members of Company D will have completed three years in the Texas State Guard, and are eligible for the bronze star. They are Captain Alverson, Lieutenant Collyer and Lieutenant Hardin, First Sergeant Starkes, and Mess Sergeant McCanley.

During November the following men attended all five drills. Captain Alverson, Sergeants Starkes, Hickerson, Shofner, Baughan, Corporals Ellison and Garner, T/5's Bradford and Kennington, Privates First Class Diseker, Garber, Thornton and Wall, Privates Coston, Francis, Giddens, Holleman, McClung, Moore, Nicholson, Woodall and Williams.

Training Meeting
Officers of Company D attended the meeting at Paris on Sunday, December 3, when Lieutenant Colonel Brown discussed universal military training in schools.

No drill was to be held during Christmas week, and as New Year's Day comes on our regular drill night, it was decided to drill on Wednesday night, January 3.

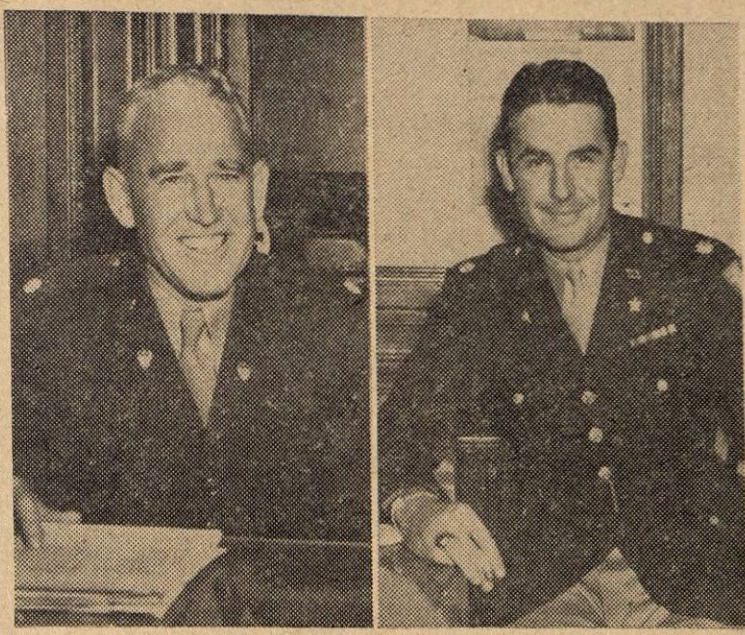
Sometime about the first of February, Company D is to sponsor a carnival with benefits to go to the company fund. Officials are also working to get a benefit picture show soon at one of the local theatres.

On Thursday night, December 14, Company D began a series of boxing matches to be held every two weeks. Much interest was shown in these bouts last winter and spring, and according to the first night's attendance it seems the Company D sponsored fights will draw good crowds again this winter. Bouts will be held on the Texas side of the city one time, and the Arkansas side the next.

Gal In Foxhole Causes 'Scandal'

With the 25th Division, in France.—Sgt. Gordon Gillen is being subjected to some ribbing for having had "a lady in his boudoir recently."
A 19-year-old French girl was wandering through D Company's area when Kraut artillery and mortars opened up on them. The gal chose Gillen's foxhole as a place of refuge.
The Sergeant says he had always thought that a female companion in a foxhole would improve things immeasurably. Now he knows it does.

Direct Guard Training



Left: Lt. Col. Henry H. Harrison, new G-3 in the adjutant general's office, is no newcomer to the ranks of the Texas State Guard.

Right: Promoted from captain to major, and placed in charge of all extracurricula activities, Maj. John W. Kokernot will have charge of contemplated small

He joined up with the Fifth Battalion when it was organized, and because of his previous military training was made first lieutenant. Soon drafted as personnel officer, AGD, Colonel Harrison served the Guard in that capacity until he resigned to enter the Marine Corps, where he served for two years with the rank of captain.

He was born May 5, 1901, and is a native Texan, as well as his father before him. He was educated in the public schools in the Panhandle, attended West Texas State Teachers College, the University of Missouri, and the University of Texas.

Colonel Harrison served a two-year enlistment in the U. S. Marine Corps. Held all non-commissioned grades except corporal in the Missouri National Guard, served as a first lieutenant in the Field Artillery the Missouri National Guard.

He served as a second lieutenant in a machine gun company in the Texas National Guard. He was in the Fifth Battalion, TSG, as first lieutenant, and was employed as personnel officer, AGD, in the TSG, and assisted in its organization. He resigned to serve two years as captain in the Marine Corps in this war, and returned to the AGD, was restored in grade and assigned as assisting training officer. He was appointed to the present grade and assigned as G-3 on November 29, 1944.

Colonel Harrison married Henrietta Winslow of Menard, Texas, in 1931, and makes his home with his wife and family of four children in Austin, Texas.

bore rifle matches, and also will have charge of giving information and instruction in judo.

Major Kokernot feels that every member of the Guard should be able

to handle any unruly individual who might be armed with gun, knife, or club, and he points out that in case of a riot or domestic disturbance, the guardsman is likely to meet up with just such a person in the mob.

Major Kokernot has been with the department for about three years. He is a former member of the State Guard at Alpine, Texas. He attended school at the San Marcos Academy and the New Mexico Military Institute, having been a member of the State Guard and a graduate of a military school.

Having seen the State Guard in operation for over three years, he is unusually well qualified for his position. He appreciates the problems of the Guard.

Major Kokernot has served as the General's Aide in the Plans and Training Section, in the G-4 Section, as an inspector and instructor, and he was recently promoted to major and made assistant G-3, a job that he is well qualified to fill. He makes his home in Austin with his wife and little son.

26-Foot Broad Jump Was Shell-Propelled

With the 45th Division, France.—Pvt. Charles Butcher, of Hundred, W. Va., is convinced he recently set some sort of a broad jump record.

He was standing at the bank of a creek, trying to figure out how he could cross, when a shell landed behind him.

"I jumped it," he said. "I measured it later, and the creek was 26 feet wide. It should be a record. Those Olympic stars never have shells exploding behind them just as they're about to jump."

Editor Of 13th



Cpl. Joseph Ladabaum, bugler, 13th Battalion, Texas State Guard at Laredo, has been very active in State Guard work, acting as bugler, instructor of student buglers, and publisher, editor, and newsboy of his mimeographed paper, "13th Battalion Bugler," which also carries a Spanish section and reports on 13th Battalion affairs. He attended Camp Bullis in 1944, and all FBI schools held locally. He takes a prominent part in Jewish organizations. He received instructions from Laredo police department in traffic con-

Training—

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breaks. Men should not be forced to wait long periods of time for instruction at drill. Long lines or waiting periods to obtain or turn in equipment is undesirable.

"It is recognized that the personnel in the State Guard is of a high caliber. Our men are all busy, intelligent individuals with a serious purpose in their desire to be of service within the Guard.

"It is the responsibility of every instructor to see that he makes a definite contribution to the training and information of the man who turns out for drill.

"Training is the prerogative of command and it is the desire of this department to leave as much initiative as possible with the unit commanders, as they are still charged with the responsibility of making the training interesting and in line with most likely immediate employment of the State Guard."

Patient: "What's the idea sticking me in a room with a crazy guy?"

Doc: "It's the only room we had. What's the matter with him?"

Patient: "Why he keeps looking around and saying, 'No lions, no tigers, no elephants.' I tell you it's awful how crazy that guy is. The room's full of 'em."

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First Lt. Pierre Block, S-2.
First Lt. Edgar R. Dayharsh.
First Lt. Ernest B. Giesendorff,
Dental Officer.
First Lt. Ross Swisher.
Company Officers:
Company A:
Capt. Robert S. Camp.
First Lt. Charles A. Kazen.
Second Lt. J. P. Leyendecker.
Company B:
Capt. Frank C. Pierce.
First Lt. John Y. Dickinson.
Second Lt. Phillip Medelin.
Company C:
Capt. Edgar A. Luton.
First Lt. Miguel I. Cantu.
Second Lt. Riley M. Barlow.
Company D:
Capt. Earl T. Harvey.
First Lt. George H. Gray.
Second Lt. Gerald W. Hildebrand.
Company E:
Capt. Doyle R. Avant.
First Lt. J. Russell Smith.
Second Lt. Griggs W. Brown.
Many changes have been made in officer personnel, only Major (now Lt. Colonel) Petty, First Lt. Pierre Block and Second Lt. (now Captain) Hildebrand remaining in service.

Trained Junior Guard
Since organization of the 13th Battalion it has been instrumental in the organization and training of both a recognized Texas Junior Guard and an unofficial Girls Staff Corps (a first aid unit).
Laredo has had no civil disturbance or riot, but on May 30, 1941, two International bridges here were watched as sabotage was feared and guards were also maintained at water and light plants for two or three days and nights as a preventive measure.
A demonstration of tear gas weapons, grenades, Thompson sub-machine gun and the new Reising caliber .45 sub-machine gun on June 15, 1941, was followed by the placing of an order for several thousand dollars worth of that type of equipment and ammunition from E. B. Averill, district representative of the Federal Laboratories. Company D, Miranda City, through Capt. Earl T. Harvey and Second Lt. Gerald W. Hildebrand had some time previously placed an order for equipment with Mr. Averill and received the first Reising sub-machine gun sold to any unit of the TDG in the entire State of Texas.
Built Target Range
Company D, Miranda City, built a target range on their drill field and fired with calibre .30 M1906 ctgs. in Enfield Rifles, calibre .45 Reising and Colt M1911 automatics by the lights of the football field on which they drilled, on regular meeting nights. This is believed to be another "first" of the 13th Battalion. Firing was also done with small bore at indoor range of the American Legion Hall.
The Laredo companies and detachments have during the past three years fired all types of weapons, and have held at various times company competition to select team for each company or detachment to compete with other teams so selected. Company D, Laredo, under command of Capt. Harry M. Emery, took high honors in sub-machine gun shoot held last year. Recent shooting by enlisted men and officers of the Enfield is expected to eventually bring about some competitive shooting between companies, for this bunch of fellows know that they can shoot and that brings on argument, and DO WE LOVE IT?
Dances Given
Dances have been given by the battalion for purpose of raising funds with which to equip the battalion and the Girls' Staff Corps, and others at which no admission was charged, for their own entertainment and in order to permit their wives to become acquainted with the wives of other guardsmen. Dinner and reception has been given by the officers of the battalion in welcoming to Laredo of new commander of Ft. McIntosh.
Maneuvers have been held by the companies as separate units, and the "13th" has had numerous battalion maneuvers, during one of which an aeroplane operated by First Lt. F. Lyle Perkins, 13th Battalion, bombed Company D, Miranda City, and Company E, Hebbron (See 13TH ORGANIZED, P. 22)

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS OCTOBER, 1944		
Name	Pmtd. To	Unit
Hahn, Jay N.	1st Lt.	Co. D, 1st Bn.
Lipham, James M.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 1st Bn.
Miller, Alan Newton	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 8th Bn.
Salinas, Raul C.	Captain	Co. D, 13th Bn.
Sparks, Ernest G.	2nd Lt.	Co. C, 21st Bn.
Hudson, Winifred F.	1st Lt.	Co. B, 25th Bn.
Horn, John J., Jr.	1st Lt.	Co. B, 29th Bn.
Mullins, Lloyd	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 29th Bn.
Richardson, Chas. T.	1st Lt.	Medical, 32nd Bn.
Mowinckle, Edgar T.	1st Lt.	Co. B, 32nd Bn.
Garrison, Frank S.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 32nd Bn.
Schrieber, Gus, Jr.	Captain	Med. Det., 51st Bn.
Doherty, Paul D.	1st Lt.	3rd Trng. & Res.
Logan, Frank S.	2nd Lt.	3rd Trng. & Res.
Adelman, Dominic F.	Capt.	3rd Trng. & Res.
Spencer, George D.	Lt. Colonel	AGD
Gahagan, Thomas W.	Lt. Colonel	AGD
Bryant, Olney H.	Lt. Colonel	AGD
Edwards, Casaway T.	Lt. Colonel	AGD
Taylor, Paul W.	Lt. Colonel	AGD
Brooks, Sam R.	Captain	St. Hq. Det.
Hernandez	1st Lt.	Serv. Det., 3rd Bn.
Galligan, Wm. P.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 13th Bn.
Davila, Bulmaro J., Jr.	Captain	Co. B, 13th Bn.
McKinney, Forrest W.	Captain	Serv. Det., 16th Bn.
Johnston, Ivan S.	1st Lt.	Hq. Det., 19th Bn.
Holcomb, Norman F.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 33rd Bn.
Joseph, Phillip S.	Major	Med. Det., 38th Bn.
Rice, Ira Merle	1st Lt.	Serv. Det., 38th Bn.
Saenz, Octavio	Captain	Co. B, 38th Bn.
Majors, Jesse W.	1st Lt.	Hq. Det., 44th Bn.
Crews, Theron D.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 45th Bn.
Lance, Mark T.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 12th Bn.
Hensley, Murray D.	Captain	Serv. Det., 31st Bn.
Smith, James M.	1st Lt.	Serv. Det., 31st Bn.
Wagner, Elmer E.	Captain	Co. D, 31st Bn.
Townsend, Claude H.	1st Lt.	State Hq. Det.
Goodrich, Lawson	Captain	Co. B, 1st Bn.
Gathright, Hu	1st Lt.	Co. B, 1st Bn.
White, William D.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 4th Bn.
Fountain, Jasper Cluck	1st Lt.	Hqs. 12th Bn.
Alford, Earl Lee	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 16th Bn.
Miller, Harold Lee	1st Lt.	Hq. Det.
Oatman, Duke	1st Lt.	Co. B, 28th Bn.
Broyles, Roy Lee	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 28th Bn.
Garcia, Miguel F.	2nd Lt.	Co. G, 31st Bn.
Cadena, Jesus M.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 38th Bn.
Saenz, Alfredo	1st Lt.	Co. B, 38th Bn.
Thormalen, Caesar A.	Captain	Hqs., 38th Bn.
Evans, Leslie O.	Captain	Chaplain, 40th Bn.
Holman, Ralph	Lt. Colonel	Hq., 23rd Bn.
Hinson, Harris Y.	Lt. Colonel	Hq., 33rd Bn.
West, George W.	Lt. Colonel	Hq., 20th Bn.
Taylor, James B.	Lt. Colonel	Hq., 26th Bn.
Bentsen, Lloyd M.	Lt. Colonel	Hq., 31st Bn.
Chiodo, Vincent	Lt. Colonel	Hq., 7th Bn.
Meyer, Harold G.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 1st Bn.
Bryant, Hu Gathright	1st Lt.	Co. B, 1st Bn.
Watson, Oral E.	2nd Lt.	Co. 5, 25th Bn.
Zauber, Raymond G.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 29th Bn.
Prewitt, Haskell Lee	1st Lt.	Serv. Det., 29th Bn.
Thomasson, Arthur R., Jr.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 29th Bn.
Sanford, Verdrie L.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 42nd Bn.
Harrison, Henry H.	Major	AGD
Sheehy, John F.	Lt. Colonel	Hq., 8th Bn.
Petty, William A.	Lt. Colonel	Hq., 13th Bn.
Killough, Walton B.	Lt. Colonel	Hq., 16th Bn.
Klatt, Wesley W.	Major	Med. Det., 8th Bn.
Sikes, William L.	Major	Hq., 9th Bn.
Tillery, James L.	Lt. Colonel	Hq., 32nd Bn.
Rooke, Allen D.	Lt. Colonel	Hq., 21st Bn.
Smith, Lee O.	Major	Hq., 18th Bn.
Huson, Hobart	Major	Hq., 21st Bn.
McKinley, James D.	Major	Hq., 11th Bn.
Minnis, James M.	Major	Hq., 42nd Bn.
Fausset, Guy F.	Major	Med. Det., 2nd Bn.
Loshak, Herman	Captain	Med. Det., 2nd Bn.
Brandau, George McM.	Captain	Med. Det., 2nd Bn.
Hoffer, Alphonse M.	1st Lt.	Serv. Det., 4th Bn.
Hatchell, William S.	1st Lt.	Co. F, 4th Bn.
Richards, Joseph C.	2nd Lt.	Co. F, 4th Bn.
Townes, Edgar E., Jr.	1st Lt.	Co. A, 22nd Bn.
Fabra, Hilmar	1st Lt.	Co. A, 24th Bn.
Dunkelberg, Ralph L.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 24th Bn.
Moline, Charles D.	1st Lt.	Co. C, 27th Bn.
Potter, James F.	Captain	Serv. Det., 40th Bn.
Silha, George W.	1st Lt.	Serv. Det., 40th Bn.
Norman, Frederick G.	1st Lt.	Hq. Det., 48th Bn.
Spears, Herbert L.	2nd Lt.	Co. C, 1st Bn.

Parker, Jacques A.	1st Lt.	Co. A, 5th Bn.
Buckner, Clyde L.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 5th Bn.
Seidensticker, Edgar	Captain	Co. C, 6th Bn.
Tarver, William J.	1st Lt.	Co. C, 6th Bn.
Brewster, Cullen G.	2nd Lt.	Co. C, 6th Bn.
Brown, Joe M.	Major	Co. C, 6th Bn.
Dale, Carol R.	Captain	4th Tr. & Res. Unit
Ford, Lewis V.	Captain	4th Tr. & Res. Unit
Lumkin, Charles E.	1st Lt.	4th Tr. & Res. Unit
McNeil, William	1st Lt.	Chaplain Det.
Lancaster, York	Captain	4th Tr. & Res. Unit
Jeffries, Morris H.	2nd Lt.	4th Tr. & Res. Unit
Towle, James E.	2nd Lt.	4th Tr. & Res. Unit
Williams, Philip T.	Lt. Colonel	4th Tr. & Res. Unit
Gilchrist, Weldon H.	Lt. Colonel	Hq., 43rd Bn.
Thompson, Marvin S.	2nd Lt.	Hq., 44th Bn.
Clifford, James E.	1st Lt.	Co. A, 22nd Bn.
Ewers, James F.	Major	Serv. Det., 26th Bn.
Bondurant, Elmer R.	Major	Hq., 31st Bn.
Conway, Roy P.	Major	Hq., 31st Bn.
Van Ness, Frank C.	Captain	Hq., 31st Bn.
Owens, Charles F.	1st Lt.	Hq., 31st Bn.
Reeder, James E.	Captain	Co. A, 38th Bn.
Hammack, J. B.	1st Lt.	Co. A, 38th Bn.
Thorman, Walter Lee	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 38th Bn.
Behal, Robert W.	1st Lt.	Co. C, 45th Bn.
Mauldin, Wm. D.	2nd Lt.	Co. C, 45th Bn.
McLain, Bernard F.	Lt. Colonel	Hq., 19th Bn.
Nall, John T.	Lt. Colonel	Hq., 40th Bn.
Stock, Grover F.	Major	Hq., 43rd Bn.
Johnson, Arthur N.	Major	Hq., 28th Bn.
Cassidy, Joseph E.	Major	3rd Tr. & Res. Unit
Austin, William C.	Captain	Serv. Det., 9th Bn.
Putnam, Fred W.	1st Lt.	Co. A, 9th Bn.
Garner, Floyd C.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 9th Bn.
Wagner, Adolph H.	1st Lt.	Co. B, 9th Bn.
Moss, Durward L.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 9th Bn.
Fay, Christopher	1st Lt.	Co. B, 16th Bn.
Perkins, Joseph A.	Captain	Co. C, 18th Bn.
Fennell, Robert H.	1st Lt.	Co. C, 18th Bn.
Granberry, Dewey L.	1st Lt.	Hq. Det., 38th Bn.
Robinson, Samuel	1st Lt.	Serv. Det., 44th Bn.

A certain father, on meeting the new first grade teacher for the first time, said: "I'm happy to know you, Miss. I am the father of triplets you're going to have next September."

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Headquarters Company Gains In Recruiting

Austin.—State Headquarters Company has made rapid gains in recruiting under an expanded table of organization, during recent weeks.

Capt. Raymond Brooks, Austin newspaperman, served briefly in command of the company, before receiving another assignment in the Texas State Guard. Weldon Hart, formerly sergeant-major of the Fifth Battalion, was commissioned a first lieutenant in early November, and was promoted to captain and assigned command of State Headquarters Company when Captain Brooks' new assignment was made.

Brooks' report on his command, from October 6 to November 18, showed the effective strength of the company had been more than doubled during this period. State Headquarters Company has been expanded from its original status as a chemical warfare and communications detachment to include provision for two administrative force organizations, to expand the communications platoon, and to include a motor transport section.

In addition to Captain Hart's commission and promotion, Second Lt. Forest S. Pearson was promoted to first lieutenant; Tech. Sgt. Joel J. Cloud was commissioned first lieutenant, and First Lt. Harry Quist, motor transport, was attached to the company.

Among new recruits are two electrical engineers, two other engineers actively engaged in their profession, one licensed airplane pilot, the advertising manager of the Austin American-Statesman, and several accountants and business men.

3rd Training Unit Plays Football, Sells War Bonds

Austin.—The Second and Third Training and Research Units, Texas State Guard, played the first of a series of athletic contests which are contemplated for all the units throughout the state.

The football game was well played on a muddy field at Saint Edward's, Austin, November 28. Saint Edward's won by a score of 14 to 0.

Maj. L. H. Richardson of Peacock and Maj. Joseph E. Cassidy of Saint Edward's arranged the game.

The guardsmen at Saint Edward's have been doing more than their share to make the Sixth War Bond drive a success. On November 23 they furnished the glee club and band to play at the Saint Mary's-Saint Edward's bond rally held in the K. of C. hall, where friends of Saint Edward's bought more than \$21,000 worth of bonds the first night. On the first of December the guardsmen and cadets gave a parade up Congress Avenue in Austin at nine in the morning. After the parade they split into groups to canvass the entire city for war bond pledges. They carried on this work until the late afternoon and sold \$49,575 in bonds.

Thirty cadets from the military academy of Saint Edward's University formed the mob for the large scenes in the Passion Play of the Black Hills with Josef Meier. They participated in eight performances beginning Saturday, December 2.

Inaction Intolerable, Somervell Rules

Washington.—There's a wall motif in the War Department's Pentagon which gives heart to many an employe of Army Service Forces during the day and provides the working stimulus to greater accomplishments. It's written by a man from Little Rock, Ark., who came to Washington when a boy of 16. It says:

"No one in the Army Service Forces is going to get hung for taking action, but inaction cannot and will not be tolerated." It's signed by the author, the boss of ASF, Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell.

Austin Officers



Capt. Raymond Brooks (left), Austin newspaperman, who recently transferred from the State Headquarters Company to the Adjutant General's Department, and Capt. Weldon



Hart, also an Austin newspaperman, who rose from sergeant major in the Fifth Battalion to captain and commander of the Headquarters Company.

HONOR ROLL FOR NOVEMBER, 1944

Company and Battalion	Home Station	Grade
Headquarters, 6th Bn.	Round Rock	98
Medical Det., 11th Bn.	San Angelo	95
Medical Det., 7th Bn.	Houston	93
Company D, 51st Bn.	Dallas	93
Company A, 14th Bn.	Dalhart	93
Medical Det., 6th Bn.	Round Rock	92
Service Det., 47th Bn.	Rosenberg	90
Medical Det., 33rd Bn.	Marshall	90
Medical Det., 36th Bn.	San Antonio	90
Medical Det., 23rd Bn.	Henderson	90
Medical Det., 19th Bn.	Dallas	83
Service Det., 42nd Bn.	Paris	83
Medical Det., 51st Bn.	Dallas	82
Company D, 19th Bn.	Dallas	81
Company A, 18th Bn.	Beaumont	80
Medical Det., 26th Bn.	Mercedes	78
Service Det., 29th Bn.	Dallas	76
Company C, 34th Bn.	Crane	76

HONORABLE MENTION

Medical Det., 2nd Bn., Houston, Texas

Heroism Of Medic Saves Many Lives

With the 45th Division of the Seventh Army, France.—Private Vaughn O'Donnel of Beaverdale, Pa., a medic with the veteran 45th Division, has proven himself under fire many times. His latest heroic deed occurred during the crossing of a French river.

The medic's platoon had just crossed the river in the face of machine gun fire when suddenly a heavy barrage of enemy mortars fell on the remaining platoons that were following. Cries of help mingled with calls of "medic."

Without hesitation O'Donnel, who was already safely across the river and out of the mortar barrage, turned back to help his buddies across.

O'Donnel waded back through the mortar-splashed water and directed

24,000 Veterans Ask For Educational Aid

Indianapolis.—More than 24,000 veterans had applied for additional schooling under the educational provision of the GI Bill of Rights up to November 1, Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, administrator of veterans affairs, reported at a meeting of the American Legion executive committee here.

A drunk watched a soldier enter a revolving door. As the door swung around a pretty WAC stepped out. "That's changing clothes fast," he muttered, "the MPs musta been tailing him."

the removal of the wounded men to a spot on shore. There he treated wounded men who otherwise might have drowned in the river."—Army Times.

Operator: "It will cost you 80 cents to talk to Fort Worth."

Pfc: "Can't you make a special rate for just listening? I want to put this call through to my wife."

Our number one wolf showed up in the barracks the other night with a black eye and a desire to meet the fellow who said silence gives consent.

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22nd Rounds Out Full Year Of Activity

By LT. COL. JAMES DELMAR

The 22nd Battalion, Texas State Guard, Houston, has just completed one of its busiest years. Three training clinics were held during the past summer stressing the use of gas mask, riot and mob control, bayonet practice, small bore firing, hand grenade throwing, first aid in the field, interior guard duty, automobile searching and the removing of barricaded criminals from a building by the use of smoke. The clinics were held during overnight maneuvers at the Sun Oil Company camp in Montgomery county.

The battalion fired on the range at Camp Wallace with the recently issued Enfield rifles and excellent results were obtained due to the fact that the company commanders stressed dry firing prior to taking the troops to the range.

Newly acquired battalion headquarters have done much to stimulate the attendance and encourage the troops to bring in new recruits, and at this writing we believe we have our strength up to 80 per cent of the number required by the table of organization.

Regular non-commissioned officers schools have been conducted by the officers, and the attendance has been excellent. Outstanding work has been done by our plans and training officer, Lt. Wilson Lucky.

Social activities have been planned and conducted by the individual company commanders which has done much to keep up the morale of the troops. Dances and barbecues have done the trick.

To climax a wonderful year of training and fraternizing with a swell group of unselfish individuals that think of their State and community first, the entire battalion and their ladies enjoyed a turkey dinner and dance Sunday, December 17. This dinner was financed from the profits of the battalion canteen.

We of the 22nd wish to take this opportunity to thank the Adjutant General, his staff, the State Guard Officers' Association, The Guardsman magazine and the Eighth Service Command for their cooperation during the past year.

13th Organized—

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ville, who had the defense of a high hill south of Mirando City, while the Companies A, B and C attacked. That battle held in October, 1941, is still fought all over again on occasion. Other maneuvers took on more of a clinic type and troop schools were held on war gases, first aid, rifle and sub-machine gun practice and range procedure and grenade use.

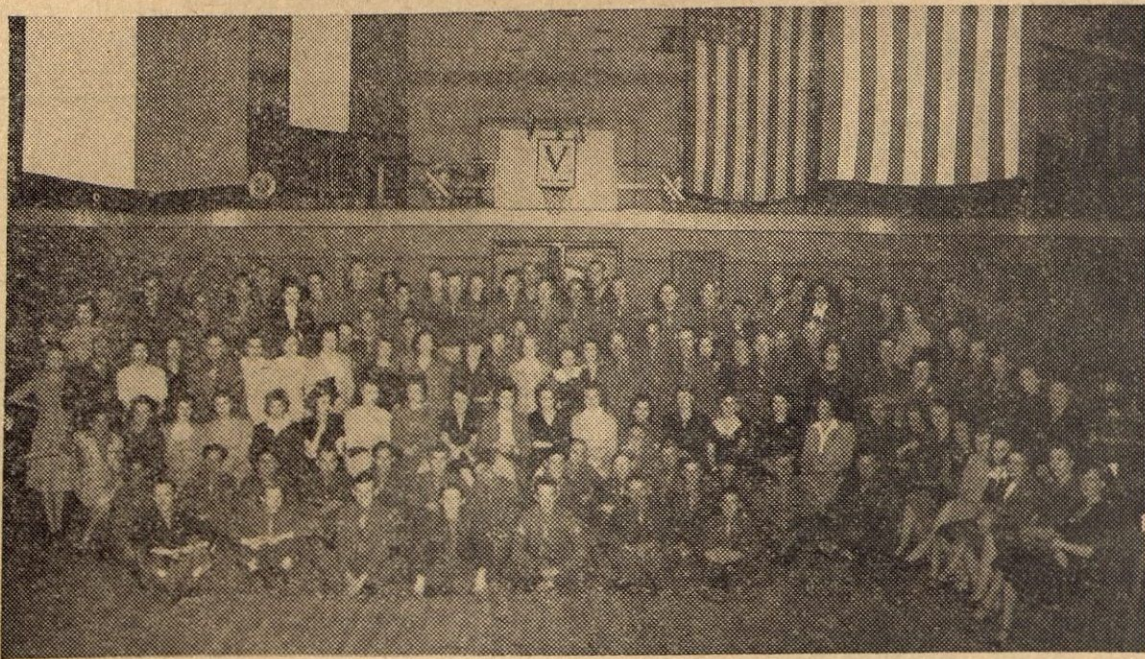
The 13th Battalion TDG and TSG has always participated in civic affairs and sent groups of officers and enlisted men to Zapata to be present during flag raising exercises there. The raising of the flag at the new Customs Building, Laredo, was in charge of Capt. Julius V. Joseph, Company A. Practically all lodges and dinner clubs or similar civic bodies have been visited and display of arms and equipment made, talks were given in English by Capt. Gerald W. Hildebrand on the organization and purpose of the Texas State Guard, and when necessary talks were made in Spanish by Captains Sam C. Alexander, Francis D. Eistetter, Bulmaro J. Davila, Jr., and Raul C. Salinas and First Lt. Nicolás M. Sanchez.

Equipment Display

A display of that portion of our equipment which would be of interest to the peace officers of this section and explanation of its use was made at Peace Officers convention held in Laredo on April 16, 1943, by Federal Bureau of Investigation. Detail in charge: Capt. Hildebrand, Capt. Alexander, First Lt. Sanchez, M/Sgt. Phillip E. Champion and Cpl. Joseph Ladabaum. A letter of appreciation from Special Agent Suran, of the FBI office in San Antonio, was sent to the battalion commander, Major Ross Swisher.

Letters from ex-State Guardsmen now in the armed forces still con-

22nd Guardsmen Have Christmas Party



Staff Photo by Sgt. Carroll Waddell.

Officers and enlisted men of the 22nd Battalion, Houston, held a big Christmas party at the armory of the 2nd Battalion on

with all the "fixins" were served to the guardsmen and their ladies. Funds for the party came out of profits during the year from the battalion canteen. December 17. Some 30 turkeys

tinued to arrive asking for news of the old outfit, giving news of the new and stating that the time spent in the State Guard worked to their advantage in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps. Company D, Mirando City, alone has over forty men in the armed services who trained with Company D either in the provisional organization or as members of the TDG.

During test and trial blackouts during the early days of the war the units of the "13th" assisted the police in the control of traffic. Schools conducted by Civilian Defense Corps were attended by guardsmen, who in turn passed that information on to their companies, platoons and squads. The 13th Battalion guarded the equipment used in putting on the army show "Action Overhead" by a chemical warfare unit, for a period of about thirty hours.

Traffic Control Schools

Schools in traffic control, from the military viewpoint, have been held at regular non-com schools

with the addition of traffic control from the police angle, that explanation being given by Sgt. Howard Ruhlman of the Laredo Police Department. As a follow-up of this school Chief of Police Dave Gallagher through his traffic policemen gave thirty days of actual practice on the street corners of the City of Laredo to twelve enlisted men of the 13th Battalion, and the Chief liked the work of the men sufficiently well to issue to each of them upon the completion of the course a commission as special traffic police of the City of Laredo.

Attendance at Eighth Service Company schools for State Guard troops from this battalion has been all that could be expected from the fellows who are required to work for a living. Peace Officer schools conducted by the FBI at Laredo and cities within a hundred miles of Laredo have also received a representative group from this battalion.

The LULAC sponsored "I Am An American Day" each year is well attended by Texas State Guards-

New Honor Badge For Discharged Vets Is Designed

Washington.—A new Honorable Discharge Emblem has been adopted by the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, under an agreement signed by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal. It is a cloth device with the same design as the Honorable Service Lapel Button and will be worn on the uniform of all honorably discharged personnel.

The new emblem, worn as a badge of honor, will be sewed above the right breast pocket of all outer uniform clothing at the time of discharge. Honorably discharged personnel may wear their uniforms to their homes, and thereafter, at official ceremonies.

The basic design of the emblem will be embroidered in gold, with the background material varying to match the color of the uniform on which it is to be worn. Supplies of the emblem are not yet available for distribution. Regulations pertinent to the Honorable Discharge Emblem will be published in the near future.—Army Times.

lain), First Lt. W. P. Galligan, First Lt. N. M. Sanchez were present.

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31st Battalion Inspected By Colonel Henley

By LT. MYNATT SMITH

Four units of the 31st Battalion, TSG, passed their annual federal inspections late in November with Col. Donald Henley of the Eighth Service Command, Dallas, serving as inspecting officer.

Those passing were Company G, Rio Grande City, commanded by Capt. John A. Pope; Company B, McAllen, commanded by Capt. Carl McAllen, commanded by Capt. Carl D. Martin; Company E, Donna, commanded by Capt. James H. Verdetres; and the headquarters detachment, McAllen, commanded by Lt. Rudy L. Nordmeyer. Due to the absence of Lieutenant Nordmeyer, Lt. Charles E. Owens of Lt. Col. Lloyd M. Bentsen's staff from battalion headquarters commanded the detachment during the inspection.

Colonel Henley, known to many of the battalion's officers because of his work at Camp Bullis, checked all of the units' men closely on their knowledge of and proficiency with their pieces. His inspections covered all phases of TSG work. Maj. Roy P. Conway of Mission, battalion executive officer, accompanied him on his visits to the four units.

The Colonel's congratulations were passed to Company E of Donna, which he classified in these words: "As good as I've seen." The Company E inspection included a demonstration at the unit's modern outdoor rifle range.

Texas State Guardsmen turned out in numbers for all of the community meetings he conducted in the series of public sessions arranged by the American Legion of Texas to acquaint the state with the Legion's proposal for universal service, Lt. Col. S. Perry Brown of Beaumont said in McAllen December 10 at one of the last of the meetings.

"The attendance of Guardsmen has been good at all of the meetings we have held," he said. Colonel Brown was accompanied by Lt. Col. C. T. Edwards of General Knickerbocker's staff at Austin.

Colonel Brown said the value of the Guard in Texas in connection with universal service is that it represents a cross-section of civic, business and professional leaders, all of whom can be instrumental in outlining the program to the public when the subject comes up in Congress.

He spoke before a meeting of about 50 persons in McAllen. Represented were several units of the 31st Battalion, led by Lt. Col. Lloyd M. Bentsen, commanding officer, and of the 26th Battalion, headquartered at Mercedes. The Colonel was introduced by Capt. C. D. Bennett, commanding officer of the Weslaco company of the 26th.

Men of Company A, Mission, 31st Battalion, are getting plenty of field exercise with overnight bivouacs.

The company staged one such operation in November under the command of Capt. Lonnie E. Reed, and another took place early in December as the result of a decision reached at the weekly non-commissioned officers' meeting. The non-coms voted in favor of the bivouac in spite of cold, wet weather.

The December operation was a project in which the first platoon under command of Lt. Carroll D. Lyons encamped at an irrigation district pump northwest of Mission. During the night the second platoon, commanded by Lt. William G. Triplett, recently commissioned a second lieutenant, staged a surprise attack with the objective of capturing the pumping plant. A good problem resulted in spite of a cold rain, but there was no official referee's report to show the winner.

The new topkick of Company A, Mission, is Sgt. Edwin B. Balthrope, who was promoted to succeed William G. Triplett, recently discharged and commissioned a second lieutenant.

Sergeant Balthrope is another of the real charter members of Company A. He started with the outfit

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Pfc. Glenn Sigmund.
Pfc. Walter Doell.
Pfc. Eugene Burt.
Pvt. Francis Blakeslee.
Co. A, 48th Bn.
Irvin Roth.
Co. B, 51st Bn.
S/Sgt. C. M. Rodman.
S/Sgt. W. B. Howard.
Sgt. I. W. Clawson.

when it was a volunteer drill organization in July, 1940, and has rarely missed a meeting in the four years since then.

Tribute has been paid to Maj. Roy P. Conway of Mission, newly assigned executive officer of the 31st Battalion, in the weekly edition of the Texas State Guard News, written by Pfc. Leon H. Brown as a weekly column in the Mission Times. He wrote:

"It is safe to say that every man in the 31st Battalion, and especially in Company A, felt a personal interest and pleasure in the recent

promotion of former Capt. Roy P. Conway to be major and executive officer of the battalion, commended by Lt. Col. Lloyd M. Bentsen.

Maj. James F. Ewers of Mission, former executive officer of the 31st Battalion, who recently was attached to the judge advocate's staff at Austin, has been named assistant judge advocate. He is another of the pioneer officers of the 31st Battalion and is chairman of the board of directors of the Texas State Guard Officers Association.

New appointments announced by Capt. C. D. Martin, commanding

officer of Company B, McAllen, include:

To be corporal: Pfc. Andres M. Hernandez.

To be privates first class: Gillespie P. Baker, Miguel A. Gonzalez, George W. Hillyer, Robert S. Jolly, Charles L. Scott, Eduardo G. Vela and Pedro L. Zamora.

One of the newest buck privates enlisted in Company B is Hans H. Rothe, former captain of the company. Private Rothe, who served as a lieutenant in the company for many months, succeeded Captain Martin when the latter resigned in 1943 and when Martin returned in 1944 he resumed his post after the resignation of Rothe because of pressing private business. Now Rothe has found time to return to the Guard, and in so doing is starting again from the bottom. He is a veteran of World War I.

Medical Unit Wins 33rd Bn. Award

The medical detachment of the 33rd Battalion, Texas State Guard, at Marshall, won the merit award authorized by Lt. Col. Harris Y. Hinson, battalion commander, for the month of October.

The award is an attractive banner. The award is made on the basis of percentage of enlisted men in attendance at drill.

The medical detachment had a percentage of 80.25. Other ratings were: Service detachment, 66.66; headquarters detachment, 65.71; Company B at Jefferson, 60.45; Company D at Marshall, 56.66; Company A at Timpson, 24.44; Company C at Waskom, no report.

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Films Available To Guard Units Are Announced

Training films announced by the auxiliary library at Austin include:

TF 8-100, "The Louse," 20 minutes. This training film shows disease can be transmitted to man by the feces or bodily fluids of the louse; it presents the three types of lice—body, head, and crab—and the characteristics of each. It gives the types of diseases transmitted by the louse and the importance of each. A sequence is shown how the body is decontaminated in the field by means of portable showers and how complete disinfection of clothing is accomplished by portable laundries, mobile disinfectors, serbian barrels, hot irons and chemicals.

TF 8-1174, "Purification of Water," 19 minutes. The purpose of this film is to emphasize the dangers of drinking polluted water and to teach methods of purifying drinking water under various conditions. The Engineer Water Supply Battalion demonstrates a mobile purification unit in operation; showing the purification process, the storing of water in canvass tanks, and the manner in which the unit tank trailers carry the water to the troops. For soldiers operating along, or in small groups who must obtain their drinking water, methods of purification by the use of agents and by boiling are explained and demonstrated.

TF 8-1180, "First Aid for Chemical Casualties," 24 minutes. Complete details of first aid procedures for the following gases are shown: Tear gas, phosgene, vesicants (blister gases), white phosphorous, irritant smoke. This training film presents the importance of prompt and proper first aid treatment for gas casualties, and emphasizes the importance of the gas mask for the best protection against all warfare gases.

Mis. No. 1067, "Private Snafu in 'Censored,'" 6 minutes. The purpose of this film is to show, in a comical way, why one should censor his own letters.

Misc. No. 467, "Army Service Forces," 44 minutes: This film provides an over-all picture of the tremendous responsibility of the Army Service Forces.

Misc. No. 799, "Service Commands," 39 minutes. Based on a survey of all army personnel, the film points out some do not know they are fighting. Making use of all materials at hand is emphasized.

New Training Aid Provided By 8th Service Command

The newest training aid which has been made available to the Texas State Guard by the Eighth Service Command is the Balopticon Opaque projector PH-132.

The possibilities of this aid are unlimited, the adjutant general's office announces in informing battalions of the aid.

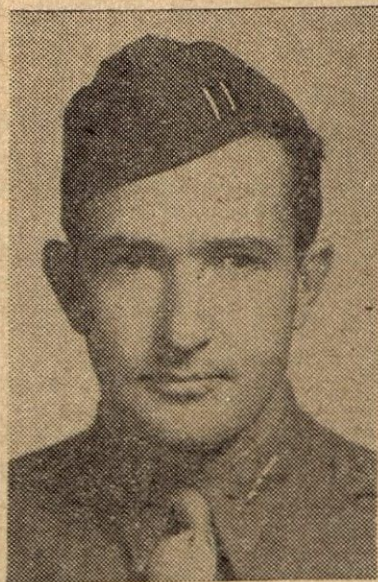
It can be used to "blow up" any small picture, graph or chart which can be used for wall charts. It can be used in reproducing large wall-size maps and can be used as a projector to project pictures and charts on the walls for lectures.

The projector will be maintained at the training aids laboratory in Austin for use of the units of the Texas State Guard on a loan basis. Battalions wanting to borrow the machine should write the auxiliary library, giving in the request the date it will be needed. It cannot be loaned for more than four days at a time.

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"The bullet went in me chest and came out me back," said Pat. "But," answered his friend, "it would go through your heart and kill you." "Me heart was in me mouth at the time," came the quick reply.

27th Battalion's Bond Sale Brings In \$10,025 Cash

Company B of the 27th Battalion, Texas State Guard at Fort Worth, held a bond sale November 28 at the TSG armory in addition to their regular drill. Two veterans of World War II from McCloskey General Hospital spoke to the men, and when the total bonds purchased was computed it figured \$10,025.

Capt. Jack Massengale, company commander, purchased a \$1,000 bond in the name of the company, and there were 30 other purchasers.

The war veterans who spoke were Lt. A. E. (Bud) Wentz of Ohio and a former member of the Ohio National Guard, and Sgt. Otis Marshall of Corpus Christi, formerly in the Texas National Guard. Lt. Wentz still carries a piece of shrapnel in his leg to remind him of the South Pacific campaign.

Sgt. Marshall, who lost his right leg and sustained four compound fractures in his left leg in the North African campaign, said that he had had 21 blood transfusions and five plasma transfusions. He is learning to use his crutches, which he has had several weeks, in good fashion.

The two veterans were introduced by Mr. Fritz Hill, principal of Morningside Elementary School, Fort Worth, who had been with them during the day. Miss Beverly Callahan of the Red Cross Motor Corps was also present.

Company B, 37th Bn., Has New Rifle Range

Athens.—Company B, 37th Battalion of the Texas State Guard of Athens, commanded by Capt. L. R. Barron, has completed a well equipped rifle range for the use of company members on a plot of ground about three miles west of Athens, containing about 350 acres of land, on which was formerly located the old Athens pottery.

Members of the Guard worked faithfully on the project for the past several weeks. Much work was required in building the range as roadways had to be cleared and excavating was necessary to complete the range.

Company B now has more than fifty members and is well supplied with all necessary equipment, and are contemplating the purchase of a motorcycle, a jeep, a company kitchen and two 2-ton trucks for transportation of the company's equipment for maneuvers.

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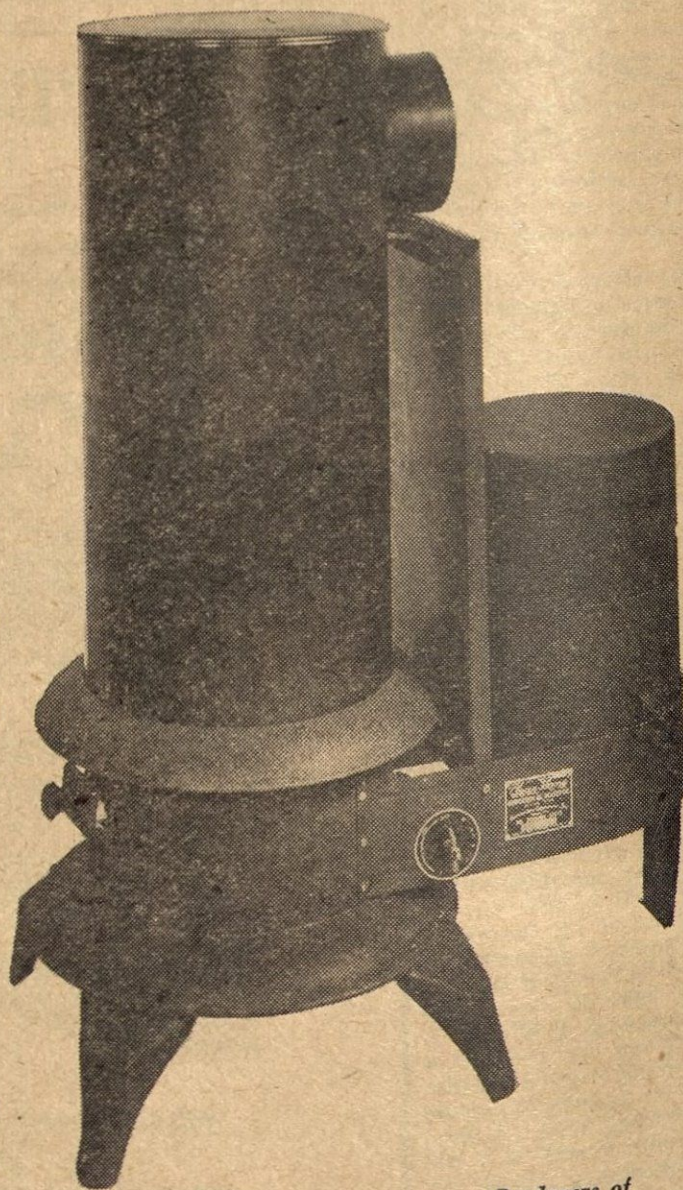


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